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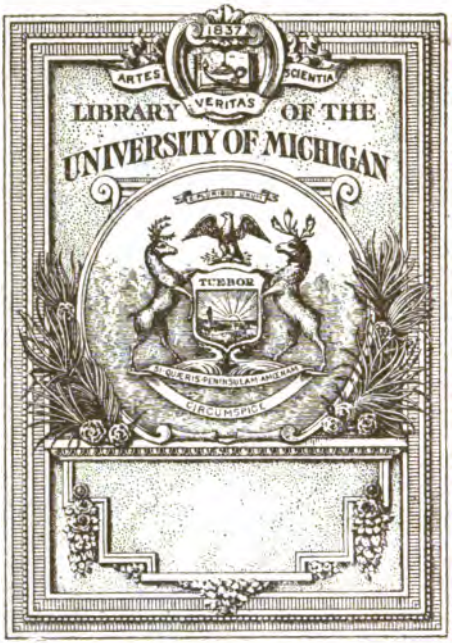

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PART II.

A Calculation of the Credibility of Humane Teſtimony.

Moral Certitude Abſolute, is that in which the Mind of Man entirely acquieſces, requiring no further Aſſurance: As if one in whom I abſolutely confide, ſhall bring me word of 1200*l.* accruing to me by Gift, or a Ship's Arrival, and for which therefore I would not give the leaſt valuable Conſideration to be Enſur'd.

Moral Certitude Incompleat, has its ſeveral Degrees to be eſtimated by the Proportion it bears to the *Abſolute*. As if one in whom I have that degree of Confidence, as that I would not give above One in Six to be enſur'd of the truth of what he ſays, ſhall inform me, as above, concerning 1200*l.* I may then reckon that I have as good as the Abſolute Certainty of a 1000*l.* or five ſixths of Abſolute Certainty for the whole Summ.

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The *Credibility* of any *Reporter* is to be rated (1) by his *Integrity* or Fidelity; and (2) by his *Ability*: and a double *Ability* is to be conſidered; both that of *Apprehending* what is deliver'd, and alſo of *Retaining* it afterwards, till it be tranſmitted.

'What follows concerning the Degrees of 'Credibility, is divided into *Four Propoſitions*. 'The *Two Firſt*, reſpect the *Reporters* of the 'Narrative; as they either Tranſmit *Succeſſively*, or Atteſt *Concurrently*: the *Third*, the *Subject* of it; as it may conſiſt of ſeveral *Articles*: 'and the *Fourth*, *joins* thoſe three Conſiderations together, exemplifying them in *Oral* and 'in *Written* Tradition.

PROP. I.

Concerning the Credibility of a Report, made by Single Succeſſive *Reporters, who are equally Credible.*

Let their Reports have, each of them, five Sixths of Certainty; and let the firſt Reporter give me a Certainty of 1000 *l.* in 1200 *l.* it is plain, that the Second Reporter, who delivers that Report, will give me the Certainty but of $\frac{5}{6}$*ths* of that 1000 *l.* or the $\frac{5}{6}$*th* of $\frac{5}{6}$*ths* of the full Certainty of the whole 1200 *l.*. And ſo a Third Reporter, who has it from the ſecond, will tranſmit to me but $\frac{5}{6}$*ths* of that Degree of Certainty, the Second would have deliver'd me, *&c.*

That is, if, *a*, be put for the Share of Aſſurance a ſingle Reporter gives me; and, *c*, for that which is wanting to make that Aſſurance compleat; and I therefore ſuppos'd to have

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$\frac{a}{a+c}$ of Certainty from the Firſt Reporter; I ſhall have from the Second, $\frac{aa}{a+c^2}$; from the Third, $\frac{a^3}{a+c^3}$.

And accordingly, if, a, be $=100$, and $c=6$, (the number of Pounds that an 100*l.* put out to Intereſt, brings in at the Year's end;) and conſequently my Share of Certainty from One Reporter, be $=\frac{100}{106}$; which is the preſent value of any Summ to be paid a Year hence: The Proportion of Certainty coming to me from a Second, will be $\frac{100}{106}$ multiplyed by $\frac{100}{106}$ (which is the preſent Value of Mony to be paid after two Years;) and that from a Third-hand Reporter, $=\frac{100}{112}$: thrice multiplied into it ſelf; (the Value of Mony payable at the end of Three Years) &c.

Corollary.

And therefore, as at the Rate of 6 *per Cent.* Intereſt, the preſent Value of any Summ payable after Twelve Years, is but half the Summ So if the Probability or proportion of Certitude tranſmitted by each Reporter, be $\frac{100}{112}$; the Proportion of Certainty after Twelve ſuch Tranſmiſſions, will be but as a half; and it will grow by that Time an equal Lay, whether the Report be true or no. In the ſame manner, if the Proportion of Certainty be ſet at $\frac{100}{101}$ it will come to half from the 70*th* Hand: And if at $\frac{1000}{1001}$, from the 695*th*.

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PROP. II.

Concerning Concurrent *Testifications.*

If Two Concurrent Reporters have, each of them, as $\frac{5}{6}ths$ of Certainty; they will both give me an Assurance of $\frac{11}{36}ths$, or of 35 to one: If Three; an Assurance of $\frac{91}{216}$, or of 215 to one.

For if one of them gives a Certainty for 1200 *l.* as of $\frac{5}{6}ths$, there remains but an Assurance of $\frac{1}{6}th$, or of 200 *l.* wanting to me, for the whole. And towards that the Second Attester contributes, according to his Proportion of Credibility: That is to $\frac{5}{6}ths$ of Certainty beforehand, he adds $\frac{5}{6}ths$ of the $\frac{1}{6}th$ which was wanting: So that there is now wanting but $\frac{1}{36}th$ of a $\frac{1}{6}th$, that is $\frac{1}{36}th$; and consequently I have, from them both, $\frac{35}{36}ths$ of Certainty. So from Three, $\frac{215}{216}$, *&c.*

That is, if the first Witness gives me $\frac{a}{a+c}$ of Certainty, and there is wanting of it $\frac{c}{a+c}$; the Second Attester will add $\frac{a}{a+c}$ of that $\frac{c}{a+c}$; and consequently leave nothing wanting but $\frac{c}{a+c}$ of that $\frac{a}{a+c}$, $=\frac{ac}{a+c}$. And in like manner the third Attester adds his $\frac{a}{a+c}$ of that $\frac{c^2}{a+c}$, and leaves wanting only $\frac{c^3}{a+c}$. *&c.*

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Corollary.

Hence it follows, that if a ſingle Witneſs ſhould be only ſo far Credible, as to give me the Half of a full Certainty; the Second of the ſame Credibility, would (joined with the firſt) give me $\frac{3}{4}ths$; a Third, $\frac{7}{8}ths$, *&c.* So that the Coatteſtation of a Tenth, would give me $\frac{1023}{1024}ths$ of Certainty; and the Coatteſtation of a Twentieth, $\frac{1048575}{1048576}$ or above Two Millions to one, *&c.*

PROP. III.

Concerning the Credit of a Reporter for a Particular Article *of that Narrative, for the whole of which he is Credible in a certain Degree.*

Let there be Six Particulars of a Narrative equally remarkable: If he to whom the Report is given, has $\frac{1}{6}ths$ of Certainty for the whole, or Summ, of them; he has 35 to one, againſt the Failure in any One certain Particular.

For he has Five to One, there will be no Failure at all. And if there be, he has yet another Five to One, that it falls not upon that ſingle Particular of the Six. That is, he has $\frac{5}{6}ths$ of Certainty for the whole: and of the $\frac{1}{6}th$ wanting, he has likewiſe $\frac{5}{6}ths$, or $\frac{5}{36}ths$ of the whole more; and therefore that there will be no Failure in that ſingle Particular, he has $\frac{5}{6}ths$ and $\frac{5}{36}ths$ of Certainty, or $\frac{35}{36}$ of it.

In General, if $\frac{a}{a+c}$ be the Proportion of Certainty for the whole; and $\frac{m}{m+s}$ be the chance of the reſt of the particular Articles m, againſt

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some one, or more of them n; there will be nothing wanting to an absolute Certitude, against the not failing in Article, or Articles, n, but only $\frac{nc}{m+nxa+c}$

PROP. IV.

Concerning the Truth of either Oral *or* Written *Tradition, (in Whole, or in Part,)* Successively *transmitted, and also* Coatteſted *by several Successions of Transmittents.*

(1) Supposing the Transmission of an *Oral* and *Narrative* to be so performed by a Succession of Single Men, or joined in Companies, as that each Transmission, after the *Narrative* has been kept for Twenty Years, impairs the Credit of it a *th* part; and that consequently at the Twelfth Hand, or at the end of 240 Years, its certainty is reduced to a Half; and there grows then an even Lay (*by the Corollary of the second Proposition*) against the Truth of the Relation: Yet if we further suppose, that the same Relation is Coatteſted by Nine other several Successions, transmitting alike each of them; the Credibility of it when they are all found to agree, will (*by the Corollary of the first Proposition*) be as $\frac{1}{1}\frac{0}{0}\frac{2}{0}\frac{3}{4}$ of Certainty, or above a Thousand to one; and if we suppose a Coatteſtation of Nineteen, the Credibility of it will be, as above Two Millions to One.

(2) In Oral Tradition as a Single Man is subject to much Casuality, so a Company of Men cannot be so easily suppos'd to join; and therefore the Credibility of $\frac{1}{1}\frac{0}{0}$ *ths*, or about $\frac{1}{1}\frac{2}{0}$ *ths*,

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$\frac{99}{100}$*ths*, may poſſibly be judged too high a Degree for an Oral Conveyance, to the diſtance of Twenty Years. But in *Written Tradition*, the Chances againſt the Truth or Conſervation of a ſingle Writing, are far leſs; and ſeveral Copies may alſo be eaſily ſuppos'd to concur; and thoſe ſince the Invention of Printing exactly the ſame: ſeveral alſo diſtinct Succeſſions of ſuch Copies may be as well ſuppos'd, taken by different Hands, and preſerv'd in different Places or Languages.

And therefore if Oral Tradition by any one Man or Company of Men might be ſuppos'd to be Credible, after Twenty Years at $\frac{99}{100}$*ths* of Certainty; or but $\frac{9}{10}$*ths*; or $\frac{3}{4}$*ths*: a Written Tradition may be well imagin'd to continue, by the Joint Copies that may be taken of it for one Place, (like the ſeveral Copies of the ſame Impreſſion) during the ſpace of a 100, if not 200 Years; and to be then Credible at $\frac{100}{101}$*ths* of Certainty, or at the Proportion of a Hundred to one. And then, ſeeing that the Succeſſive Tranſmiſſions of this $\frac{100}{101}$ of Certainty, will not diminiſh it to a Half, until it paſſes the Sixty ninth Hand; (for it will be near Seventy Years before the Rebate of Mony, at that Intereſt, will ſink it to half:) It is plain, that written Tradition, if preſerv'd but by a ſingle Succeſſion of Copies, will not loſe half of its full Certainty, until 70 times a Hundred (if not two Hundred) Years are paſt; that is, Seven Thouſand, if not Fourteen thouſand Years; and further, that, if it be likewiſe preſerv'd by Concurrent Succeſſions of ſuch Copies, its Credibility at that Diſtance may be even encreas'd, and grow far more certain from the ſeveral agreeing Deliveries at the end of Se-

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venty Succeſſions, than it would be at the very firſt from either of the Single Hands.

(3) Laſtly, in ſtating the Proportions of Credibility for any Part or Parts of a Copy, it may be obſerv'd; that in an Original not very long, good Odds may be laid by a careful Hand, that the Copy ſhall not have ſo much as a Literal Fault: But in one of greater Length, that there may be greater Odds againſt any Material Error, and ſuch as ſhall alter the Senſe; greater yet, that the Senſe ſhall not be alter'd in any conſiderable Point; and ſtill greater, if there be many of thoſe Points, that the Error lights not upon ſuch a ſingle Article; as in the Third Propoſition.

A Letter

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A Letter from the Reverend Dr. Wallis, Profeſſor *of* Geometry *in the Univerſity of* Oxford, *and* Fellow *of the* Royal Society, *London, to Mr.* Richard Norris, *concerning the Collection of* Secants; *and the true Diviſion of the Meridians in the Sea-Chart.*

AN old enquiry, (about the Sum or Aggregate of *Secants*) having been of late moved a-new; I have thought fit to trace it from its Original: with ſuch ſolution as ſeems proper to it: Beginning firſt with the general Preparation; and then applying it to the Particular Caſe.

General Preparation.

1. Becauſe Curve lines are not ſo eaſily managed as Straight lines: the Ancients, when they were to conſider of Figures terminated (at leaſt on one ſide) by a Curve line (Convex or Concave) as *AFKE*, Fig. 1. 2. Tab. 1. did oft make uſe of ſome ſuch expedient as this following, (but diverſly varied as occaſion requir'd.) Namely,

2. By Parallel Straight lines, as *AF*, *BG*, *CH*, &c. (at equal or unequal diſtances, as there was occaſion,) they parted it into ſo many

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ny Segments as they thought fit; (or ſuppoſed it to be ſo parted.)

3. Theſe Segments were *ſo many wanting one*, as was the number of thoſe Parallels.

4. To each of theſe Parallels, wanting one; they fitted Parallelograms, of ſuch breadths as were the Intervals (equal or unequal) between each of them (reſpectively) and the next following. Which formed an Adſcribed Figure made up of thoſe Parallelograms.

5. And, if they began with the Greateſt (and therefore neglected the leaſt) ſuch Figure was Circumſcribed, (as Fig. 1.) and therefore Bigger than the Curvilinear propoſed.

6. If with the Leaſt (neglecting the greateſt;) the Figure was Inſcribed (as Fig. 2.) and therefore Leſs than that propoſed.

7. But, as the number of Segments was increaſed, (and thereby their breadths diminiſhed;) the difference of the Circumſcribed from the Inſcribed (and therefore of either from that propoſed) did continually decreaſe, ſo as at laſt to be leſs than any aſſigned.

8. On which they grounded their Method of Exhauſtions.

9. In caſes wherein the Breadth of the Parallelograms, or Intervals of the Parallels, is not to be conſidered, but their length only; (or, which is much the ſame, where the Intervals are all the ſame, and each reputed = 1.) *Archimedes* (inſtead of Inſcribed and Circumſcribed Figures) uſed to ſay, *All except the Greateſt*, and *All except the Leaſt*. As Prop. 11. Lin. Spiral.

Particular Caſe.

10. Though it be well known, that, in the Terreſtrial Globe, all the Meridians meet at the

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the Pole, (as *E P. E P*, Fig 3.) whereby the Parallels to the Equator, as they be nearer to the Pole, do continually decreaſe.

11. And hereby a degree of Longitude in ſuch Parallels, is leſs than a degree of Longitude in the Equator, or a degree of Latitude.

12. And that, in ſuch proportion, as is the Co-ſine of Latitude (which is the ſemidiamiter of ſuch Parallel,) to the Radius of the Globe, or of the Equator.

13. Yet hath it been thought fit (for ſome reaſons) to repreſent theſe Meridians, in the Sea Chart, by Parallel ſtraight lines; as *E P*, *E P*.

14, Whereby, each Parallel to the Equator (as *L A*) was repreſented in the Sea-Chart, (as *la*,) as equal to the Equator *E E*: and a degree of Longitude therein, as large as in the Equator.

15. By this means, each degree of Longitude in ſuch Parallels, was increaſed, beyond its juſt proportion, at ſuch rate as the Equator (or its Radius) is greater than ſuch Parallel, (or the Radius thereof.)

16. But, in the Old Sea-Charts, the degrees of Latitude were yet repreſented (as they are in themſelves) equal to each other; and, to thoſe of the Equator.

17. Hereby, amongſt many other Inconveniencies, (as Mr. *Edward Wright* obſerves, in his *Correction of Errors in Navigation*, firſt publiſhed in the Year 1599,) the repreſentation of Places remote from the Equator, was ſo diſtorted, in thoſe Charts, as that (for inſtance) an *Iſland* in the Latitude of 60 degrees, (where the Radius of the Parallel is but half ſo great as that of the Equator) would have its Length (from

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(from Eaſt to Weſt) in compariſon of its Breadth (from North to South) repreſented in a double proportion of what indeed it is.

18. For rectifying this in ſome meaſure (and of ſome other inconveniences) Mr. *Wright* adviſeth; that (the Meridians remaining Parallel, as before) the degrees of Latitude, remote from the Equator, ſhould at each Parallel, be protracted in like proportion with thoſe of Longitude.

19. That is; As the Co-Sine of Latitude, (which is the Semi-diameter of the Parallel) to the Radius of the Globe, (which is that of the Equator:) ſo ſhould be a degree of Latitude, (which is every where equal to a degree of Longitude in the Equator,) to ſuch a degree of Latitude ſo protracted (at ſuch diſtance from the Equator;) and ſo to be repreſented in the Chart.

20. That is, every where, in ſuch proportion as is the reſpective Secant (for ſuch Latitude) to the Radius. For, as the Co-ſine, to the Radius; ſo is the Radius to the Secant (of the ſame Arch or Angle;) as Fig. 4. $\Sigma \cdot R :: R . s$.

21. So that (by this means) the poſition of each Parallel in the Chart, ſhould be at ſuch diſtance from the Equator, compared with ſo many *Equinoctial* Degrees or Minutes, (as are thoſe of Latitude,) as are all the Secants (taken at equal diſtances in the Arch) to ſo many times the Radius.

22. Which is equivalent, (as Mr. *Wright* there notes) to the Projection of the *Spherical* ſurface (ſuppoſing the Ey at the Center) on the concave ſurface of a Cylinder, erected at right Angles to the Plain of the Equator.

23. And

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23. And the diviſion of Meridians, repreſented by the ſurface of a Cylinder erected (on the Arch of Latitude) at right Angles, to the Plain of the Meridian (or a portion thereof.) The Altitude of ſuch Projection, (or portion of ſuch Cylindrick ſurface) being (at each point of ſuch Circular baſe) equal to the ſecant (of Latitude) anſwering to ſuch point. As Fig. 5.

24. This Projection (or portion of the Cylindrick ſurface) if expanded into a Plain, will be the ſame with a Plain Figure, whoſe baſe is equal to a Quadrantal Arch extended (or a portion thereof) on which (as ordinates) are erected Perpendiculars equal to the Secants, anſwering to the reſpective points of the Arch ſo extended: The leaſt of which (anſwering to the *Equinoctial*) is equal to the Radius; and the reſt continually increaſing, till (at the Pole) it be infinite. As at Fig. 6.

25. So that, as *E R ſ L.* (a Figure of Secants erected at right Angles on *E L*, the Arch of Latitude extended,) to *E R R L*, (a rectangle on the ſame baſe, who's altitude *E R* is equal to the Radius;) ſo is *E L* (an Arch of the Equator equal to that of Latitude,) to the diſtance of ſuch Parallel, (in the Chart) from the Equator.

26. For finding this diſtance, anſwering to each degree and Minute of Latitude; Mr. *Wright* (as the moſt obvious way) adds all the Secants (as they are found calculated in the Trigonometrical Canon) from the beginning, to the degree or Minute of Latitude propoſed.

27. The ſum of all which, except the Greateſt, (anſwering to the Figure Inſcribed) is too Little: The ſum of all except the Leaſt, (anſwering

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ſwering to the Circumſcribed,) is too Great, (which is that he follows:) And it would be nearer to the Truth than either, if (omitting all theſe) we take the intermediates; for Min. $\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{1}{2}$, *&c.* or (the doubles of theſe) Min. 1, 3, 5, 7, *&c.* Which yet (becauſe on the Convex ſide of the Curve) would be ſomewhat too Little.

28. But any of theſe ways are exact enough for the uſe intended, as creating no ſenſible difference in the Chart.

29. If we would be more exact; Mr. *Oughtred* directs (and ſo had Mr. *Wright* done before him) to divide the Arch into parts yet ſmaller than Minutes, and calculate Secants ſuiting thereunto.

30. Since the Arithmetick of Infinites introduced, and (in purſuance thereof) the Doctrine of Infinite ſeries (for ſuch caſes as would not, without them, come to a determinate proportion;) Methods have been found for ſquaring ſome ſuch Figures; and (particularly) the Exterior Hyperbola (in a way of continual approach) by the help of an Infinite ſeries. As, in the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*, Numb. 38, (for the Month of *Auguſt*, 1668,) And my Book, *De Motu*, Cap. 5. Prop. 31.

31. In Imitation whereof, it hath been deſired (I find) by ſome, that a like Quadrature for this Figure of Secants (by an Infinite ſeries fitted thereunto) might be found.

32. In order to which, put we for the Radius of a Circle, R; the right Sine of an Arch or Angle, S, the Verſed Sine; V, the Co-Sine (or Sine of the Complement) $\Sigma = R-V = \surd$: Rq-Sq: the Secant, $ſ$; the Tangent, T. Fig. 4.

33. Then

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33. Then is, Σ. R :: R. f. That is, Σ) R^2 ($S = \frac{R^2}{\Sigma}$) the Secant.

34. And Σ. S :: R. T. That is, Σ) S R ($T = \frac{SR}{\Sigma}$) the Tangent.

35. Now, if we ſuppoſe the Radius C P, Fig. 7. divided into equal Parts, (and each of them $= \frac{1}{100}$ R;) and, on theſe, to be erected the Co-Sines of Latitude L A:

36. Then are the Sines of Latitude in *Arithmetick* Progreſſion.

37. And the Secants anſwering thereunto, $L f = \frac{R^2}{\Sigma}$.

38. But theſe Secants, (anſwering to right Sines in *Arithmetical* Progreſſion) are not thoſe that ſtand at equal diſtance on the Quadrantal Arch extended, Fig. 6.

39. But ſtanding at unequal diſtances (on the ſame extended Arch;) Namely, on thoſe points thereof, whoſe right Sines (whilſt it was a Curve) are in *Arithmetical* Progreſſion. As Fig. 8.

40. To find therefore the magnitude of *R E L f*, Fig. 6. Which is the ſame with that of Fig. 8. (ſuppoſing *E L* of the ſame length in both; however the number of Secants therein may be unequal:) we are to conſider the Secants, tho' at unequal diſtances: Fig. 8. to be the ſame with thoſe at equal diſtances in Fig. 7. anſwering to Sines in *Arithmetical* Progreſſion.

41. Now theſe Intervals, (or portions of the baſe) in Fig. 8. are the ſame with the intercepted Arches (or portions of the Arch) in Fig. 7. For this baſe is but that Arch extended.

42. And

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42. And theſe Arches (in parts infinitely ſmall) are to be reputed equivalent to the portions of their reſpective Tangents intercepted between the ſame ordinates. As in Fig. 7. 9.

43. That is, equivalent to the portions of the Tangents of Latitude.

44. And theſe portions of Tangents are, to the Equal intervals in the baſe, as the Tangent (of Latitude) to its Sine.

45. To find therefore the true Magnitude of the Parallelograms (or ſegments of the Figure;) we muſt either protract the equal ſegments of the baſe, Fig. 7. (in ſuch proportion as is the reſpective Tangent to the Sine) to make them equal to thoſe of Fig. 8.

46. Or elſe (which is equivalent) retaining the equal intervals of Fig. 7. protract the Secants in the ſame proportion. (For, either way the Intercepted Rectangles or Parallelograms will be equally encreaſed) As *L M* Fig. 9.

47. Namely; As the Sine (of Latiude) to its Tangent; ſo is the Secant to a Fourth; which is to ſtand (on the Radius equally divided) inſtead of that Secant.

$$S.\ \frac{SR}{\Sigma}(::\Sigma.R)::\frac{R^2.}{\Sigma}\ \frac{R^3}{\Sigma 2=R2-S2}=LM,\ Fig.9.$$

48. Which therefore are as the Ordinates in (what I call *Arith. Infin. Prop.* 104) *Reciproca Secundinorum*: ſuppoſing Σ^2 to be ſquares in the order of Secundanes.

R^2

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$R^2-S^2).\ R^2\left(R, \frac{S_2}{R}, \frac{S_1}{R_3}, \right.$

49. This because of $\frac{R_3-S_2R}{1-S_2R}$

$M^2=R^2-S^2$, & the Sines $S\ R-\frac{S_4}{R}$

S, in Arithmetical Pro- $\frac{\qquad\qquad}{+\frac{S_4}{R}}$

gression) is reduced (by $\frac{S_4}{R}-\frac{S_6}{R_3}$

division) into this Infi- $\frac{\qquad\qquad}{+\frac{S_6}{R_3}}$

nite Series.

$R+\frac{S_2}{R}+\frac{S_4}{R_3}+\frac{S_6}{R_5}$, &c.

50. That is, (putting $R=1$.)

$1+S^2+S^4+S^6$, &c.

51. Then (according to the *Arithmetick* of Infinites) we are to interpret S, successively, by 1 *S*, 2 *S*, 3 *S*, &c. till we come to S, the greatest. Which therefore represents the number of All.

52. And because the first Member doth represent a Series of Equals; the second of Secundans; the third, of Quartans, *&c.* Therefore the first Member is to be multiplied by S; the second, by $\frac{1}{2}$ S; the third, by $\frac{1}{3}$ S; the fourth, by $\frac{1}{4}$ S; &c.

53. Which makes the Aggregate,

$S+\frac{1}{2}S^2+\frac{1}{3}S^3+\frac{1}{4}S^4+S^5$, &c. = B C L M, Fig. 9.

54. This (because S is always less than R = 1) may be so far continued, till some power of S become so small as that it (and all which follow it) may be safely neglected.

55. Now (to fit this to the Sea-Chart, according to Mr. *Wright*'s design:) Having the

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propoſed Parallel (of Latitude) given; we are to find (by the Trigonometrical Canon) the Sine of ſuch Latitude; and take, equal to it, C L=S. And, by this, find the magnitude of E C L M, Fig. 9; that is, of R E L *f*, Fig. 8. that is, of R E L *f*, Fig. 6. And then, as R R L E (or ſo many times the Radius,) to R E L *f* (the Aggregate of all the Secants;) ſo muſt be a like Arch of the Equator (equal to the Latitude propoſed,) to the diſtance of ſuch Parallel, (repreſenting the Latitude in the Chart) from the Equator. Which is the thing required.

56. The ſame may be obtained, in like manner, by taking the Verſed Sines in *Arithmetical* Progreſſion. For if the right Sines (as here) beginning at the Equator, be in *Arithmetical* Progreſſion, as 1, 2, 3, *&c.* Then will the Verſed Sines, beginning at the Pole, (as being their complements to the Radius) be ſo alſo.

The Collection of Tangents.

57. The ſame may be applied in like manner, (though that be not the preſent buſineſs,) to the Aggregate of Tangents, (anſwering to the Arch divided into equal parts.)

58. For, thoſe anſwering to the Radius ſo divided, are $\frac{SR}{\Sigma}$; (taking S in *Arithmetical* Progreſſion.)

59. And then, inlarging the Baſe, (as in Fig. 8.) or the Tangent (as in Fig. 9.) in the proportion of the Tangent to the Sine.

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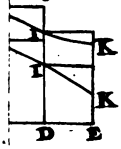

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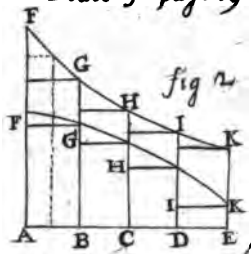

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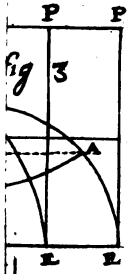

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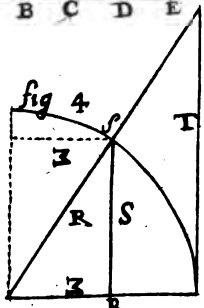

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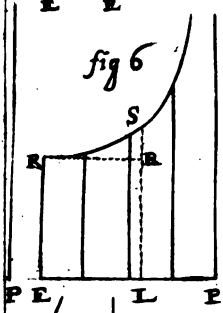

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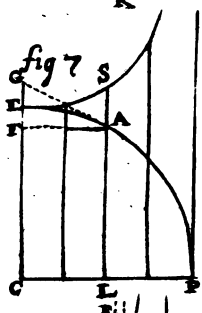

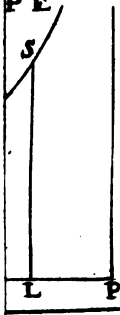

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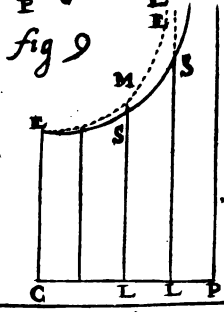

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$S.\ \frac{SR}{\Sigma}(::\Sigma.R)::\frac{SR}{\Sigma}.\ \frac{SR^2}{\Sigma^2}=\frac{SR^2}{R^2-S^2}$.

60. We have (by Diviſion) this Series,

$$R^2-S^2)SR^2\ (S,+\frac{S^3}{R^2},+\frac{S^5}{R^4},+$$

$$S+\frac{S^3}{R^2}+\frac{S^5}{R^4}+\frac{S^7}{R^6}+\frac{S^9}{R^8}\ \&c.\qquad \underline{SR^2-S^3}$$

$$S^3$$

$$+S^3-\frac{S^5}{R^2}$$

61. That is (putting R=1)

$$S+S^3+S^5+S^7+S^9,\ \&c.$$

$$+\frac{S^5}{R^2}$$

$$+\frac{S^5}{R^2}.\frac{S^7}{R^4}$$

62. Which (multiplying the reſpective members by $\frac{1}{1}S, \frac{1}{2}S, \frac{1}{3}S, \frac{1}{4}S, \frac{1}{5}S$, &c.) becomes

$$+\frac{S^7}{R^4}$$

$$\frac{1}{1}S^2+\frac{1}{2}S^4+\frac{1}{3}S^6+\frac{1}{4}S^8+\frac{1}{5}.S^{10},\ \&c.$$

Which is the Aggregate of Tangents to the Arch, whoſe right Sine is S.

63. And this method may be a pattern for the like proceſs in other caſes of like nature.

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S. $\frac{SR}{\Sigma}$ (:: Σ. R) :: $\frac{SR}{\Sigma}$. $\frac{SR^2}{\Sigma^2} = \frac{SR^2}{R^2 - S^2}$.

60. We have (by Division) this Series,

$R^2 - S^2 \big) SR^2 \left(S, + \frac{S^3}{R^2}, + \frac{S^5}{R^4}, + \right.$

$S + \frac{S^3}{R^2} + \frac{S^5}{R^4} + \frac{S^7}{R^6} + \frac{S^9}{R^8}$ &c. $\quad \frac{SR^2 - S^3}{S^3}$

61. That is (putting R = 1) $\quad + S^3 \cdot \frac{S^5}{R^2}$

$S + S^3 + S^5 + S^7 + S^9$, &c. $\quad + \frac{S^5}{R^2}$

62. Which (multiplying the respective members by $\frac{1}{2}S$, $\frac{1}{4}S$, $\frac{1}{8}S$, $\frac{1}{16}S$, $\frac{1}{32}S$, &c.) becomes $\quad + \frac{S^5}{R^2} \cdot \frac{S^7}{R^4}$

$\frac{1}{2}S^2 + \frac{1}{4}S^4 + \frac{1}{8}S^6 + \frac{1}{16}S^8 + \frac{1}{32}S^{10}$, &c. $\quad + \frac{S^7}{R^4}$

Which is the Aggregate of Tangents to the Arch, whose right Sine is S.

63. And this method may be a pattern for the like process in other cases of like nature.

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An easie Demonstration of the Analogy of the Logarithmick Tangents to the Meridian Line or Sum of the Secants; with various Methods for computing the same to the utmost Exactness, by E. Halley.

IT is now near 100 Years since our Worthy Countryman, Mr. *Edward Wright*, published his *Correction of Errors in Navigation*, a Book well deserving the perusal of all such as design to use the Sea. Therein he considers the Course of a Ship on the Globe, stearing obliquely to the Meridian; and having shewn, that the *Departure* from the Meridian, is in all cases less than the *Difference of Longitude*, in the *ratio* of *Radius* to the *secant* of the *Latitude*, he concludes, That the sum of the *Secants* of each point of the *Quadrant* being added successively would exhibit a line divided into Spaces, such as the intervals of the parallels of Latitude ought to be in a true Sea-Chart, whereon the Meridians are made parallel Lines, and the *Rhombs* or Oblique Courses represented by right Lines. This is commonly known by the name of the *Meridian Line*, which tho' it generally be called *Mercator*'s, was yet undoubtedly Mr. *Wright*'s Invention, (as he has made it appear in his Preface.) And the Table thereof is to be met with in most Books treating of Navigation, computed with sufficient exactness for the purpose.

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It was first discovered by Chance, and as far as I can learn, first publish'd by Mr. *Henry Bond*, as an addition to *Norwood's Epitome* of *Navigation*, about 50 Years since, that the *Meridian Line was analogous to a Scale of Logarithmick Tangents of half the Complements of the Latitudes.* The difficulty to prove the truth of this Proposition, seemed such to Mr. *Mercator*, the Author of *Logarithmotechnia*, that he proposed to wager a good sum of Mony, against whoso would fairly undertake it, that he should not demonstrate either, that it was true or false: And about that time Mr. *John Collins*, holding a Correspondence with all the Eminent Mathematicians of the Age, did excite them to this enquiry

The first that demonstrated the said *Analogy*, was the excellent Mr. *James Gregory in his Exercitationes Geometrica*, published *Anno* 1668. which he did, not without a long train of Consequences and Complication of Proportions, whereby the evidence of the Demonstration is in a great measure lost, and the Reader wearied before he attain it. Nor with less work and *apparatus* hath the celebrated Dr. *Barrow*, in his *Geometrical Lectures* (Lect. XI. App. 1.) proved, that the *Sum* of all the *Secants* of any arch is analogous to the *Logarithm* of the *ratio* of *Radius* + *Sine* to *Rad.* — *Sine*, or, which is all one, that the *Meridional parts* answering to any degree of Latitude, are as the *Logarithms* of the *rationes* of the *Versed Sines* of the distances from both the *Poles*. Since which the incomparable Dr. *Wallis* (on occasion of a Paralogism committed by one Mr. *Norris* in this matter) has more fully and clearly handled this Argument, as may be seen in Num. 176. of

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the *Transactions*. But neither Dr. *Wallis*, nor Dr. *Barrow*, in their said Treatises, have any where touched upon the aforesaid relation of the *Meridian-line* to the *Logarithmick Tangent*; nor hath any one, that I know of, yet discovered the Rule for computing independently the interval of the *Meridional parts* answering to any two given Latitudes.

Wherefore having attained, as I conceive, a very facile and natural demonstration of the said Analogy, and having found out the Rule for exhibiting the *difference of Meredional parts*, between any two parallels of Latitude, without finding both the Numbers whereof they are the difference: I hope I may be entituled to a share in the Improvements of this useful part of Geometry. And first, let us demonstrate the following *Proposition*.

The Meridian Line is a Scale of Logarithmick Tangents of the half Complements of the Latitudes.

For this Demonstration, it is requisite to premise these four *Lemmata*.

Lemma. I. In the *Stereographick Projection* of the Sphere upon the plain of the Equinoctial, the distances from the Center, which in this case is the Pole, are laid down by the Tangents of half those distances, that is, of half the Complements of the Latitudes. This is evident from *Eucl.* 3. 20.

Lem. II. In the *Stereographick Projection*, the Angles under which the Circles intersect each other, are in all cases equal to the Spherical Angles they represent: Which is perhaps as valuable a property of this *Projection*, as that of all the Circles of the Sphere thereon appearing

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ing Circles: But this not being vulgarly known, must not be assumed without a *Demonstration*.

Let *EBPL* in Fig. 1. Tab. 2. be any great circle of the Sphere, *E* the Eye placed in its Circumference, *C* its Center, *P* any point thereof, and let *FCO* be supposed a plain erected at right Angles to the Circle *EBPL*, on which *FCO* we design the Sphere to be projected. Draw *EP* crossing the Plain *FCO* in *p*, and *p* shall be the Point *P* projected. To the point *P* draw the Tangent A P G and on any point thereof, as A, erect a perpendicular *AD*, at right angles to the plane *EBPL*, and draw the lines *PD*, *AC*, *DC*: and the Angle *APD* shall be equal to the Spherical Angle contained between the plains *APC*, *DPC*. Draw also *AE*, *DE*, intersecting the plain *FCO* in the points *a* and *d*; and joyn *ad*, *pd*: I say the Triangle *adp* is simular to the triangle *ADP*. And the Angle *apd* equal to the Augle *APD*. Draw *PL*, *AK*, parallel to *FO*, and by reason of the parallels, *ap* will be to *ad* as AK to AD: But (by *Eucl.* 3. 32.) in the triangle AKP, the angle AKP = LPE is also equal to APK = EPG, wherefore the sides AK, AP, are equal, and 'twill be as *ap* to *ad* so AP to AD Whence the angles DAP, *dap* being right, the angle APD will be equal to the angle *apd*, that is, the Spherical Angle is equal to that on the Projection, and that in all Cases. *Which was to be proved.*

This *Lemma* I lately received from Mr. *Ab. de Moivre*, though I since understand from Dr. *Hook*, that he long ago produced the same thing before the *Society*. However the demonstration and the rest of the Discourse, is my own.

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Lemma III. On the *Globe*, the *Rumb Lines* make equal angles with every Meridian, and by the aforegoing *Lemma*, they must likewise make equal angles with the Meridians in the *Stereographick Projection* on the plain of the *Equator*: They are therefore, in that Projection, *Proportional Spirals* about the Pole Point.

Lem. IV. In the *Proportional Spiral* (Fig. 2.) it is a known property, that the angles BPC, or the arches BD, are *Exponents* of the *rationes* of *BR* to *PC*; for if the arch BD be divided into innumerable equal parts, right lines drawn from them to the Center P, shall divide the Curve B ccC, into an infinity of proportionals; and all the lines Pc shall be an infinity of proportionals between PB and PC, whose number is equal to all the points d, d, in the arch BD: Whence and by what I have deliver'd in the next ensuing Discourse it follows, that as BD to Bd, or as the angle BPC to the angle BPc, so is the Logarithm of the *ratio* of PB to PC, to the Logarithm of the *ratio* of PB to Pc.

From these *Lemmata* our Proposition is very clearly demonstrated: For by the first, PB, Pc, PC are the *Tangents* of half the *Complements* of the *Latitudes* in the *Stereographick Projection*: and by the last of them, the differences of Longitude, or angles at the Pole between them, are Logarithms of the *rationes* of those *Tangents* one to the other. But the *Nautical Meridian Line*, is no other than a Table of the Longitudes, answering to each minute of Latitude, on the Rhumb-line, making an angle of 45 degrees with the Meridian Wherefore the Meridian Line is no other than a Scale of Logarithmick Tangents of the half Complements

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ments of the Latitudes. *Quod erat demonſtrandum.*

Coroll. 1. Becauſe that in every point of any *Rhum Line*, the difference of Latitude is to the *Departure*, as the *Radius* to the *Tangent* of the angle that Rhumb makes makes with the Meridian; and thoſe equal *Departures* are every where to the differences of Longitude, as the Radius to the Secant of the Latitude; it follows, that the differences of Longitude are, on any Rhumb, Logarithms of the ſame Tangents, but of a differing *Species*; being proportioned to one another as are the Tangents of the angles made with the Meridian.

Coroll. 2. Hence any Scale of Logarithm Tangents, (as thoſe of the Vulgar Tables made after *Briggs*'s form; or thoſe made to *Napier*'s, or any other form whatſoever) is a Table of the differences of Longitude, to the ſeveral Latitudes, upon ſome determinate Rhumb or other: And therefore, as the Tangent of the angle of ſuch *Rhumb*, to the Tangent of any other *Rhumb*: So the difference of the Logarithms of any two Tangents, to the difference of Longitude, on the propoſed *Rhumb*, intercepted between the two Latitudes, of whoſe half Complements you took the Logarithm Tangents.

And ſince we have a very compleat Table of *Logarithm Tangents* of *Briggs*'s form, publiſhed by *Vlacq*, *Anno* 1633, in his *Canon Magnus Triangulorum Logarithmicus*, computed to ten Decimal places of the Logarithm, and to every ten Seconds of the Quadrant (which ſeems to be more than ſufficient for the niceſt Calculator) I thought fit to enquire the Oblique angle, with which that Rhumb Line croſſes the Meridian,

ridian, whereon the ſaid Canon of *Vlacq* preciſely anſwers to the differences of Longitude, putting Unity for one minute thereof, as in the Common Meridian Line. Now, the *momentary augment* or *fluxion* of the Tangent Line at 45 degrees, is exactly double to the *fluxion* of the arch of the Circle, (as may eaſily be proved) and the Tangent of 45 being equal to *Radius*, the *fluxion* alſo of the Logarithm Tangent will be double to that of the arch, if the Logarithm be of *Napier*'s form: but for *Briggs*'s form, it will be as the ſame doubled arch, multiplied into 0, 43429, &c. or divided by 2, 30258, &c. Yet this muſt be underſtood only of the addition of an indiviſible arch, for it ceaſes to be true, if the arch have any determinate magnitude.

Hence it appears, that if one minute be ſuppoſed Unity, the length of the arch of one minute being ,00029088820866572159614, &c. in parts of the Radius, the proportion will be as Unity to 2,908882, &c. ſo Radius to the Tangent of 71° 1′ 42″ whoſe Logarithm is 10. 463726117207183251204, &c. and under that angle is the Meridian interſected by that Rhumb Line, on which the *differences* of *Napier*'s Logarithm Tangents of the half Complements of the Latitudes are the true differences of Longitude, eſtimated in minutes and parts, taking the firſt Four Figures for Integers. But for *Vlacq*'s Tables, we muſt ſay.

As .2302585, &c. to 2908882, &c. So Radius to 1,263311438742445692 12, &c. which is the Tangent of 51° 38′ 9″, and its Logarithm 10,101510428507209411162, &c. wherefore in the Rhumb Line, which makes an angle of 51° 38′ 9″ with the Meridian, *Vlacq*'s Logarithm Tan-

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Tangents are the true differences of Longitude. And this compared with our ſecond *Corollary* may ſuffice for the uſe of the Tables already computed.

But if a Table of Logarithm Tangents be made by extraction of the root of the Infiniteth power, whoſe Index is the length of the arch you put for Unity, (as for minutes the ,000 2908882th,&c. power) which we will call a; ſuch a Scale of Tangents ſhall be the true Meridian Line, or ſum of all the Secants taken infinitely many. Here the Reader is deſired to have recourſe to my little Treatiſe of *Logarithms*, in the enſuing Diſcourſe that I may not need to repeat it. By what is there delivered, it will follow, that putting t for the exceſs or defect of any Tangent above or under the *Radius* or *Tangent* of 45; the Logarithm of the *ratio* of *Radius* to ſuch Tangent will be

$$\frac{1}{m} \text{ into } t - \tfrac{1}{2}tt + \tfrac{1}{3}t^3 - \tfrac{1}{4}t^4 + \tfrac{1}{5}t^5, \&c.$$

when the arch is greater than 45^{gr}, or

$$\frac{1}{m} \text{ into } t + \tfrac{1}{2}t + \tfrac{1}{3}t^3 + \tfrac{1}{4}t^4 + \tfrac{1}{5}t^5, \&c.$$

when it is leſs than 45^{gr}. And by the ſame doctrine putting T for the Tangent of any *arch*, and t for the difference thereof from the Tangent of another arch, the Logarithm of their *ratio* will be

$$\frac{1}{m} \text{ into } \frac{t}{T} + \frac{tt}{2T^2} + \frac{t^3}{3T^3} + \frac{t^4}{4T^4} + \frac{t^5}{5T^5}, \&c.$$

when T is the greater Term, or

$$\frac{1}{m} \text{into } \frac{t}{T} - \frac{tt}{2T^2} + \frac{t^3}{3T^3} + \frac{t^4}{4T^4} + \frac{t^5}{5T^5}, \&c$$

when T is the leſſer Term:

And if m be ſuppoſed ,0002908882, &c. = the

a, its reciprocal $\frac{r}{a}$ will be, 3437,74677078493 92526, &c. which multiplied into the aforeſaid *Series*, ſhall give preciſely the difference of Meridional parts, between the two Latitudes, to whoſe half complements the aſſumed Tangents belong. Nor is it material from whether Pole you eſtimate the Complements, whether the elevated or depreſſed; the Tangents being to one another in the ſame *ratio* as their Complements, but inverted.

In the ſame Diſcourſe I alſo ſhewed, that the *Series* might be made to converge twice as ſwift, all the even powers being omitted: and putting τ for the ſum of the two Tangents, the ſame Logarithm would be

$$\frac{2}{m} \text{ or } \frac{2r}{a} \text{ into } \frac{t}{\tau} + \frac{t^3}{3\tau^3} + \frac{t^5}{5\tau^5} + \frac{t^7}{7\tau^7} + \frac{t^9}{9\tau^9}, \text{ &c.}$$

but the *ratio* of τ to t, or of the ſum of two Tangents to their difference, is the ſame as that of the *ſine* of the ſum of the arches, to the *ſine* of their difference. Wherefore, if S be put for the *ſine* Complement of the Middle Latitude, and s for the *ſine* of half the difference of Latitudes, the ſame *Series* will be

$$\frac{2r}{a} \text{ into } \frac{s}{S} + \frac{s^3}{3S^3} + \frac{s^5}{5S^5} + \frac{s^7}{7S^7} + \frac{s^9}{9S^9}, \text{ &c.}$$

wherein, as the differences of Latitude are ſmaller, fewer ſteps will ſuffice. And if the Equator be put for the middle Latitude, and conſequently $S=R$, and s to the *ſine* of the Latitude, the Meridional parts reckoned from the Equator will be $\frac{s}{a}$

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$$\frac{s}{a} + \frac{s^3}{3rra} + \frac{s^5}{5r^4a} + \frac{s^7}{7r^6a}, \text{ \&c.}$$

which is coincident with Dr. *Wallis*'s solution in Numb. 176. of the *Philosophical Transactions*. And this same *Series* being half the Logarithm of the *ratio* of $R+s$ to $R-s$, that is, of the *Versed-sines* of the distances from both Poles, does agree with what Dr. *Barrow* had shewn in his XIth. *Lecture*.

The same *ratio* of r to t may be expressed also by that of the *Sum of the Co-sines of the two Latitudes, to the sine of their difference*: As likewise by that of *the Sine of the Sum of the two Latitudes, to the difference of their Co-sines*: Or by that of *the Versed-sine of the Sum of the Co-latitudes, to the difference of the sines of the Latitudes*: Or as *the same difference of the sines of the Latitudes, to the Versed-sine of the difference of the Latitudes*; all which are in the same *ratio* of the Co-sine of the middle Latitude, to the Sine of half the difference of the Latitudes. As it were easie to demonstrate, if the Reader were not supposed capable to do it himself, upon a bare inspection of a Scheme duly representing these Lines.

This variety of Expression of the same *ratio* I thought not fit to be omitted, because by help of the rationality of the Sine of 30*gr.* in all cases where the Sum or difference of the Latitudes is 30*gr.* 60*gr.* 90*gr.* 120*gr.* or 150 degrees, some one of them will exhibit a simple *series*, wherein great part of the Labour will be saved: And besides I am willing to give the Reader his choice which of these equippolent methods to make use of; but for his exercise

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shall leave the prosecution of them, and the *compendia* arising therefrom, to his own Industry. Contenting my self to consider only the former, which for all uses seems the most convenient, whether we design to make the whole Meridian Line, or any part thereof, *viz.*

$$\frac{2r}{a} \text{ into } \frac{s}{S} + \frac{s^3}{3S^3} + \frac{s^5}{5S^5} + \frac{s^7}{7S^7} + \frac{s^9}{9S^9} \text{ \&c.}$$

Wherein a is the length of any Arch which you design shall be the Integer or Unity in your Meridional Parts, (whether it be a Minute, League, or Degree, or any other,) S the Co-sine of the Middle Latitude, and s the Sine of half the difference of Latitudes; but the Secants being the Reciprocals of the Co-sines, $\frac{s}{S}$ will be equal to $\frac{fs}{rr}$ putting f for the Secant of the Middle Latitude; and $\frac{2r}{a}$ into $\frac{s}{S}$ will be $= \frac{2fs}{ar}$ This multiplied by $\frac{ss}{3SS}$ that is by $\frac{fss}{3rrrr}$, will give the second step: and that again by $\frac{3fss}{5rrrr}$, the third step; and so forward, till you have compleated as many places as you desire. But the squares of the *Sines* being in the same *ratio* with the *Versed-sines* of the double Arches, we may instead of $\frac{ss}{3SS}$ assume for our Multiplicator $\frac{v}{3V}$, or the Versed-sine of the

the difference of the Latitudes, divided by thrice the Verſed-ſine of the ſum of the Co-latitudes, &c. which is the utmoſt *Compendium* I can think of for this purpoſe, and the ſame *ſeries* will become,

$$\frac{2rr}{aS}\text{ into }1+\frac{v}{3V}+\frac{v^2}{5V^2}+\frac{v^3}{7V^3}+\frac{v^4}{9V^4}$$

Hereby we are enabled to eſtimate the default of the method of making the Meridian line, by the continued addition of the Secants of æquidifferent Arches, which as the difference of thoſe Arches are ſmaller, does ſtill nearer and nearer approach the Truth. If we aſſume, as Mr. *Wright* did, the Arch of one minute to be Unity, and one minute to be the common difference of a rank of Arches: It will be in all caſes, as the Arch of one Minute, to its Chord :: So the Secant of the middle Latitude, to the firſt ſtep of our *ſeries*. This by reaſon of the near equality between a and $2s$, which are to one another in the *ratio* of Unity to 1—0,00000000352566457713, &c. will not differ from the Secant S but in the ninth Figure; being leſs than it in that proportion. The next ſtep being $+\frac{2}{3}\frac{S^3s^3}{arr}$ will be equal to the Cube of the Secant of the middle Latitude multiplied into $\frac{2sss}{3arr}$ = 0,000000007051329087153, which therefore unleſs the Secant exceed *ten times Radius*, can never amount to 1 in the fifth place. Theſe two ſteps ſuffice to make the Meridian Line, or Logarithm Tangent to far more places than any Tables of Natural Se-

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cants yet extant, are computed to; but if the third step be required, it will be found to be

$\frac{1}{3}ss$ into $\frac{2s^3}{5ar^4}$ = 0,0000000000000089498;

By all which it appears, that Mr. *Wright*'s Table does no where exceed the true Meridian Parts by fully half a Minute: which small difference arises by his having added continually the Secants of 1′, 2′, 3′, &c. instead of $0\frac{1}{2}'$, $1\frac{1}{2}$, $2'\frac{1}{2}$, $3'\frac{1}{2}$, &c. But as it is, it is abundantly sufficient for *Nautical Uses*. That in Sir *Jonas Moor*'s *New System of the Mathematicks*, is much nearer the Truth, but the difference from *Wright* is scarce sensible till you exceed those Latitudes where Navigation ceases to be practicable, the one exceeding the Truth by about half a Minute, the other being a very small matter deficient therefrom.

For an Example, easie to be imitated by whoso pleases, I have added the true Meridional Parts to the first and last Minutes of the Quadrant; not so much that there is any occasion for such occurrancy, as to shew that I have obtained, and laid down herein, the full *Doctrine* of these *Spiral Rhumbs*, which are of so great concern in the Art of *Navigation*.

The first Minute is, 1.0000000141026586217 8
The Second, 2,0000000564106380670 7
The Last, or 89° 59 is 30374,9634311414228643

and not 32348, 5279 as Mr. *Wright* has it, by adding the *Secants* of every whole Minute: Nor 30249,8 as Mr. *Oughtred*'s Rule makes it, by adding the *Secants* of every other half Minute. Nor 30364,3 as Sir *Jonas Moor* had concluded

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it by I know not what Method, tho' in the reſt of his Table he follows *Oughtred.*

And this may ſuffice to ſhew how to derive the true Meridian Line from the Sines, Tangents, or Secants ſuppoſed ready made; but we are not deſtitute of a Method for deducing the ſame independently, from the Arch it ſelf. If the Latitude from the Equator be eſtimated by the length of its Arch A, Radius being Unity, and the Arch put for an *Integer* be a, as before; the Meridional parts anſwering to that Latitude, will be

$\frac{1}{a}$ into $A + \frac{1}{6}A^3 + \frac{3}{24}A^5 + \frac{5}{240}A^7$ or $\frac{61}{5040}A^7 + \frac{277}{8064}A^9$ or $\frac{50521}{1774080}A^{11}$ or $\frac{1382}{57792}A^{13}$, &c.

which converges much ſwifter than any of the former *Series*, and beſides has the advantage of A encreaſing in Arithmetical progreſſion, which would be of great eaſe, if any ſhould undertake *de novo* to make the *Logarithm Tangents*, or the Meridian Line to many more places than now we have them. The Logarithm Tangent to the Arch of $45 + \frac{1}{2}A$ being no other than the aforeſaid Series $A + \frac{1}{6}A^3 + \frac{1}{24}A^5$, &c. in *Napeir*'s form, or the ſame multiplied into 0,43429, &c. for *Brigg*'s.

But becauſe all theſe *Series* toward the latter end of the Quadrant do converge exceeding ſlowly, ſo as to render this Method almoſt uſeleſs, or at leaſt very tedious: It will be convenient to apply ſome other Arts, by aſſuming the Secants of ſome intermediate Latitudes; and you may for s or the Sine of a the Arch of half the difference of Latitudes, ſubſtitute $a - \frac{1}{6}a^3 + \frac{1}{120}a^5 - \frac{1}{5040}a^7 + \frac{1}{362880}a^9$, &c. according

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ing to Mr. *Newton*'s Rule for giving the Sine from the Arch: And if a be no more than a Degree, a very few steps will suffice for all the accuracy that can be desired.

And if a be commensurable to a, that is, if it be a certain number of those Arches with which you make your *Integer*, then will $\frac{a}{a}$ be that number: which if we call n, the parts of the Meridional Line will be found to be,

$$\frac{sn}{r} \text{ into } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 + \frac{1}{3}\frac{aa}{rr} + \frac{1}{5}\frac{a^4}{r^4} + \frac{1}{7}\frac{a^6}{r^6}, \text{ \&c.} \\ -\frac{aa}{6rr} - \frac{1}{6}\frac{a^4}{r^4} - \frac{1}{6}\frac{a^6}{r^6}, \text{ \&c.} \\ +\frac{1}{120}\frac{a^4}{r^4} + \frac{13}{360}\frac{a^6}{r^6}, \text{ \&c.} \\ -\frac{1}{5040}\frac{a^6}{r^6}, \text{ \&c.} \end{array} \right.$$

In this, the first two steps are generally sufficient for Nautical uses, especially when neither of the Latitudes exceed 60 degrees, and the difference of Latitudes doth not pass 30 degrees.

But I am sensible I have already said too much for the Learned, tho' too little for the Learner; to such I can recommend no better Treatise, than Dr. *Wallis*'s precedent Discourse, wherein he has with his usual brevity, and that perspecuity peculiar to himself, handled this Subject from the first Principles, which here for the most part we suppose known.

I need not shew how, by regressive work, to find the Latitudes from the Meridional Parts, the Method being sufficiently obvious. I shall only conclude with the proposal of a Problem which

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which remains to make this Doctrine compleat, and that is this.

A Ship ſails from a given Latitude, and having run a certain number of Leagues, has alter'd her Longitude by a given angle, it is required to find the Courſe ſteared. The ſolution hereof would be very acceptable, if not to the Publick, at leaſt to the Author of this Tract, being likely to open ſome further Light into the Myſteries of Geometry.

To conclude, I ſhall only add, That Unity being Radius, the *Co-ſine* of the Arch *A*, according to the ſame Rules of Mr. *Newton*, will be

$$1 - \tfrac{1}{2}A^2 + \tfrac{1}{24}A^4 - \tfrac{1}{720}A^6 + \tfrac{1}{40320}A^8 - \tfrac{1}{3628800}A^{10}, \text{ \&c.}$$

from which and the former *Series* exhibiting the *Sine* by the *Arch*, by diviſion, it is eaſie to conclude, that the *Natural Tangent* of the Arch *A*, is

$$A + \tfrac{1}{3}A^3 + \tfrac{2}{15}A^5 + \tfrac{17}{315}A^7 + \tfrac{62}{2835}A^9, \text{ \&c.}$$

and the *Natural Secant* to the ſame Arch

$$1 + \tfrac{1}{2}A^2 + \tfrac{1}{24}A^4 + \tfrac{61}{720}A^6 + \tfrac{277}{8064}A^8, \text{ \&c.}$$

and from the Arithmetick of Infinites, the Number of theſe Secants being the Arch A, it follows, that the ſum Total of all the Infinite Secants on that Arch, is

$$A + \tfrac{1}{6}A^3 + \tfrac{1}{24}A^5 + \tfrac{61}{5040}A^7 + \tfrac{277}{72576}A^9, \text{ \&c.}$$

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the which, by what foregoes, is the *Logarithm Tangent* of *Napeir*'s form, for the Arch of 45 *gr.* $+\frac{1}{2}$ *A*, as before.

And Collecting the Infinite Sum of all the *Natural Tangents* on the said Arch A, there will arise

$$\frac{1}{2}AA + \frac{1}{12}A^4 + \frac{1}{45}A^6 + \frac{17}{2520}A^8 + \frac{31}{14175}A^{10}, \text{ \&c.}$$

which will be found to be the Logaritm of the Secant of the same Arch *A*.

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A moſt compendious and facile Method for Conſtructing the Logarithms, exemplified and demonſtrated from the Nature of Numbers, without any regard to the Hyperbola, with a ſpeedy Method for finding the Number from the Logarithm given. By E. Halley.

THE Invention of the Logarithms is juſtly eſteemed one of the moſt Uſeful Diſcoveries in the Art of Numbers, and accordingly has had an Univerſal Reception and Applauſe; and the great Geometricians of this Age, have not been wanting to cultivate this Subject with all the Accuracy and Subtilty a matter of that conſequence doth require; and they have demonſtrated ſeveral very admirable Properties of theſe Artificial Numbers, which have rendred their Conſtruction much more facile than by thoſe operoſe Methods at firſt uſed by their truly Noble Inventor, the Lord *Napeir*, and our worthy Country-man Mr. *Briggs*.

But notwithſtanding all their Endeavours, I find very few of thoſe who make conſtant uſe of Logarithms, to have attained an adequate Notion of them; to know how to make or examine them; or to underſtand the extent of

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use of them: Contenting themselves with the Tables of them as they find them, without daring to question them, or caring to know how to rectifie them, should they be found amiss; being I suppose under the apprehension of some great difficulty therein. For the sake of such the following Tract is principally intended, but not without hopes however to produce something that may be acceptable to the most knowing in these matters.

But first, it may be requisite to premise a definition of Logarithms, in order to render the ensuing Discourse more clear, the rather because the old one *Numerorum proportionalium æqui differentes comites*, seems too scanty to define them fully. They may more properly be said to be *Numeri Rationum Exponentes*: Wherein we consider *ratio* as a *Quantitas sui generis*, beginning from the *ratio* of *equality*, or 1 to 1=0; being Affirmative when the *ratio* is increasing, as of Unity to a greater Number, but Negative when decreasing; and these *rationes* we suppose to be measured by the Number of *ratiuncula* contained in each. Now these *ratiunculæ* are so to be understood as in a continued Scale of Proportionals infinite in Number between the two terms of the *ratio*, which infinite Number of mean Proportionals is to that infinite Number of the like and equal *ratiunculæ* between any other two terms, as the Logarithm of the one *ratio* is to the Logarithm of the other. Thus, if there be supposed between 1 and 10 an infinite Scale of mean Proportionals, whose Number is 100000, *&c. in infinitum*; between 1. and 2 there shall be 30102, *&c.* of such Proportionals, and between

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1 and 3 there will be 47712 *&c.* of them; which Numbers therefore are the Logarithms of the *rationes* of 1 to 10, 1 to 2, and 1 to 3; and not so properly to be called the Logarithms of 10, 2 and 3.

But if instead of supposing the Logarithms composed of a number of equal *Ratiuncula*, proportional to each *ratio*, we shall take the *ratio* of Unity to any number to consist always of the same infinite number of *Ratiuncula*, their magnitude, in this case, will be as their number in the former; wherefore if between Unity and any Number proposed, there be taken any infinity of mean Proportionals, the infinitely little augment or decrement of the first of those means from Unity, will be a *ratiuncula*, that is, the *momentum* or *Fluxion* of the *ratio* of Unity to the said Number: And seeing that in these continual Proportionals all the *ratiuncula* are equal, their Sum, or the whole *ratio* will be as the said *momentum* is directly; that is, the Logarithm of each *ratio* will be as the Fluxion thereof. Wherefore if the Root of any infinite Power be extracted out of any Number, the *differentiola* of the said Root from Unity, shall be as the Logarithm of that Number. So that Logarithms thus produced may be of as many forms as you please to assume infinite *Indices* of the Power whose Root you seek: as if the *Index* be supposed 100000 *&c.* infinitely, the Roots shall be the Logarithms invented by the Lord *Napeir*; but if the said *Index* were 230258, *&c.* Mr. *Briggs*'s Logarithms would immediately be produced. And if you please to stop at any number of Figures, and not to continue them on, it will

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suffice to assume an *Index* of a Figure or two more than your intended Logarithm is to have, as Mr. *Briggs* did, who to have his Logarithms true to 14 places, by continual extraction of the Square Root, at last came to have the Root of the 140737488355328*th* Power; but how operose that Extraction was, will be easily judged by whoso shall undertake to examine his *Calculus*.

Now, though the Notion of an Infinite Power may seem very strange, and to those that know the difficulty of the Extraction of the Roots of High Powers, perhaps impracticable; yet by the help of that admirable Invention of Mr. *Newton*, whereby he determines the *Uncia* or Numbers prefix'd to the Members composing Powers (on which chiefly depends the Doctrine of Series) the Infinity of the Index contributes to render the Expression much more easie: For if the Infinite Power to be resolved be put (after Mr. *Newton*'s Method) $\overline{p+pq}^{\frac{1}{m}}$, $\overline{p+pq}^{\frac{1}{m}}$ or $\overline{1+q}^{\frac{1}{m}}$, instead of $1+\frac{1}{m}q+\frac{1-m}{2mm}qq+\frac{1-3m+2mm}{6m^3}q^3+\frac{1-6m+11mm-6m^3}{24m^4}q^4$ &c. (which is the Root when m is finite) becomes $1+\frac{1}{m}q-\frac{1}{2m}qq+\frac{1}{3m}q^3+\frac{1}{4m}q^4+\frac{1}{5m}q^5$, &c. $m\,m$ being *infinite* infinite, and consequently whatever is divided thereby vanishing. Hence it follows that $\frac{1}{m}$ multiplied into $q-\frac{1}{2}qq+\frac{1}{3}qqq-\frac{1}{4}q^4+\frac{1}{5}q^5$ &c. is the augment of the first of our mean Proportionals between Unity and $1+q$, and is therefore the Logarithm of the *ratio of* 1 to $1+q$; and whereas the Infinite Index

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dex m may be taken at pleaſure, the ſeveral Scales of Logarithms to ſuch *Indices* will be as $\frac{1}{m}$ or reciprocally as the *Indices*. And if the Index be taken 10000, &c. as in the caſe of *Napeir*'s Logarithms, they will be ſimply $q - \frac{1}{2}qq + \frac{1}{3}qqq - \frac{1}{4}q^4 + \frac{1}{5}q^5 - \frac{1}{6}q^6$ &c.

Again, if the Logarithm of a decreaſing *ratio* be ſought, the infinite Root of $1-q$ or $\overline{1-q}|^{\frac{1}{m}}$ is $1 - \frac{1}{m}q - \frac{1}{2m}q^2 - \frac{1}{3m}q^3 - \frac{1}{4m}q^4 - \frac{1}{5m}q^5 - \frac{1}{6m}q^6$ &c. whence the decrement of the firſt of our infinite Number of Proportionals will be $\frac{1}{m}$ into $q + \frac{1}{2}qq + \frac{1}{3}q^3 + \frac{1}{4}q^4 + \frac{1}{5}q^5 + \frac{1}{6}q^6$ &c. which therefore will be as the Logarithm of the *ratio* of Unity to $1-q$. But if m be put 10000, &c. then the ſaid Logarithm will be $q + \frac{1}{2}qq + \frac{1}{3}q^3 + \frac{1}{4}q^4 + \frac{1}{5}q^5 + \frac{1}{6}q^6$, &c.

Hence the terms of any *ratio*, being a and b, q becomes $\frac{b-a}{a}$ or the difference divided by the leſſer term, when 'tis an increaſing *ratio*; or $\frac{b-a}{b}$ when 'tis decreaſing, or as b to a. Whence the Logarithm of the ſame *ratio* may be doubly expreſt, for putting x for the difference of the terms a and b, it will be either

$$\frac{1}{m} \text{ into } \frac{x}{b} + \frac{x^2}{2bb} + \frac{x^3}{3b^3} + \frac{x^4}{4b^4} + \frac{x^5}{5b^5} + \frac{x^6}{6b^6} \text{ &c. or}$$

$$\frac{1}{m} \text{ into } \frac{x}{a} - \frac{x^2}{2aa} + \frac{x^3}{3a^3} - \frac{x^4}{4a^4} + \frac{x^5}{5a^5} - \frac{x^6}{6a^6} \text{ &c.}$$

But

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But if the *ratio* of a to b be supposed divided into two parts, *viz.* into the *ratio* of a to the Arithmetical Mean between the terms, and the *ratio* of the said Arithmetical Mean to the other term b, then will the Sum of the Logarithms of those two *rationes* be the Logarithm of the *ratio* of a to b; and substituting $\frac{1}{2}z$ instead of $\frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2}b$ the said Arithmetical Mean, the Logarithms of those *rationes* will be by the foregoing Rule,

$$\frac{1}{m}\text{in}\,\frac{x}{r} + \frac{xx}{2rr} + \frac{x^3}{3r^3} + \frac{x^4}{4r^4} + \frac{x^5}{5r^5} + \frac{x^6}{6r^6}\ \&c.\ \text{and}$$

$$\frac{1}{m}\text{in}\,\frac{x}{r} - \frac{xx}{2rr} + \frac{x^3}{3r^3} - \frac{x^4}{4r^4} + \frac{x^5}{5r^5} - \frac{x^6}{6r^6}\ \&c.$$

the Sum whereof $\frac{1}{m}\text{in}\,\frac{2x}{r} + \frac{2x^3}{3r^3} + \frac{2x^5}{5r^5} + \frac{2x^7}{7r^7}\ \&c.$ will be the Logarithm of the *ratio* of a to b, whose difference is x and Sum z. And this *Series* converges twice as swift as the former, and therefore is more proper for the Practice of making Logarithms: Which it performs with that expedition, that where x the difference is but the hundredth part of the Sum, the first step $\frac{2x}{z}$ suffices to seven places of the Logarithm, and the second step to twelve: But if *Briggs*'s first Twenty Chiliads of Logarithms be supposed made, as he has very carefully computed them to fourteen places, the first step alone, is capable to give the Logarithm of any intermediate Number true to all the places of those Tables.

After the same manner may the difference of the said two Logarithms be very fitly applied

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plied to find the Logarithms of Prime Numbers, having the Logarithms of the two next Numbers above and below them: For the difference of the *ratio* of a to $\frac{1}{2}z$ and of $\frac{1}{2}z$ to b is the *ratio* of $a\,b$ to $\frac{1}{4}zz$, and the half of that *ratio*, is that of $\sqrt{a\,b}$ to $\frac{1}{2}z$, or of the Geometrical Mean to the Arithmetical. And consequently the Logarithm thereof will be the half difference of the Logarithms of those *rationes*, *viz.*

$$\frac{1}{m} \text{ into } \frac{xx}{2zz} + \frac{x^4}{4z^4} + \frac{x^6}{6z^6} + \frac{x^8}{8z^8} \&c.$$

Which is a Theorem of good dispatch to find the Logarithm of $\frac{1}{2}z$. But the same is yet much more advantageously performed by a Rule derived from the foregoing, and beyond which, in my Opinion, nothing better can be hoped. For the *ratio* of $a\,b$ to $\frac{1}{4}zz$ or $\frac{1}{4}aa + \frac{1}{2}ab + \frac{1}{4}bb$, has the difference of its terms $\frac{1}{4}aa - \frac{1}{2}ab + \frac{1}{4}bb$, or the Square of $\frac{1}{2}a - \frac{1}{2}b = \frac{1}{4}xx$, which in the present case of finding the Logarithms of Prime Numbers, is always Unity, and calling the Sum of the terms $\frac{1}{4}zz + ab = yy$, the Logarithm of the *ratio* of $\sqrt{a\,b}$ to $\frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2}b$ or $\frac{1}{2}z$ will be found

$$\frac{1}{m} \text{ in } \frac{1}{yy} + \frac{1}{3y^6} + \frac{1}{5y^{10}} + \frac{1}{7y^{14}} + \frac{1}{9y^{18}} \&c.$$

which converges very much faster than any Theorem hitherto published for this purpose.

Here note $\frac{1}{m}$ is all along applied to adapt these Rules

Rules to all sorts of Logarithms. If *m* be 10000 &c. it may be neglected, and you will have *Napeir*'s Logarithms, as was hinted before; but if you desire *Briggs*'s Logarithms, which are now generally received, you must divide your Series by

2,302585092994045684017991454684364207
601101488628772976033328

or multiply it by the reciprocal thereof, *viz.*

0,434294481903251827651128918916605082
94397005803666566114454

But to save so operose a Multiplication (which is more than all the rest of the Work) it is expedient to divide this Multiplicator by the Powers of *z* or *y* continually, according to the Direction of the Theorem, especially where *x* is small and Integer, reserving the proper Quotes to be added together, when you have produced your Logarithm to as many Figures as you desire: Of which Method I will give a Specimen.

If the Curiosity of any Gentleman that has leisure, would prompt him to undertake to do the Logarithms of all Prime Numbers under 100000, to 25 or 30 Figures, I dare assure him, that the facility of this Method will invite him thereto; nor can any thing more ease be desired. And to encourage him, I here give the Logarithms of the first Prime Numbers under 20 to 60 places, computed by the accurate Pen of Mr. *Abraham Sharp*, (from whose Industry and Capacity the World may in time expect great Performances) as they were communicated to me by our common Friend Mr. *Euclid Speidall.*

Numb:

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Numb.	Logarithm.
2	0,30102999566398119521373889472449 30267681898814621085413104 27
3	0,47712125471966243729502790325511 53092001288641906958648298 66
7	0,84509804001425683071221625859263 61934835723963239654065038 35
11	1,04139268515822504075019997124302 42417067021904664530945965 39
13	1,11394335230683776920654189502624 62545611890050536732885980 83
17	1,23044892137827302854016989432833 70300075673784250463973803 68
19	1,27875360095282896153633475756929 31795112933739449759890681 9

The next Prime Number is 23, which I will take for an Example of the foregoing Doctrin; and by the first Rules, the Logarithm of the *ratio* of 22 to 23, will be found to be either

$$\frac{1}{22}-\frac{1}{968}+\frac{1}{31944}-\frac{1}{937024}+\frac{1}{25768160}\ \&c.\text{ or}$$

$$\frac{1}{23}+\frac{1}{1058}+\frac{1}{36501}+\frac{1}{1119364}+\frac{1}{32181715}\ \&c.$$

As likewise that of the *ratio* of 23 to 24 by a like Process.

$$\frac{1}{23}-\frac{1}{1058}+\frac{1}{36501}-\frac{1}{1119364}+\frac{1}{32181715}\ \&c.$$

or,

$$\frac{1}{24}+\frac{1}{1152}+\frac{1}{41472}+\frac{1}{1327104}+\frac{1}{39813120}$$

&c.

And

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And this is the Reſult of the Doctrine of *Mercator*, as improved by the Learned Dr. *Wallis*. But by the ſecond Theorem, *viz.* $\frac{2x}{z} + \frac{2x^3}{3z^3} + \frac{2x^5}{5z^5}$ &c. The ſame Logarithms are obtained by fewer ſteps. To wit,

$$\frac{2}{45} + \frac{2}{273375} + \frac{2}{922640625} + \frac{2}{261568617187 5}$$

&c. and

$$\frac{2}{47} + \frac{2}{311469} + \frac{2}{1146725035} + \frac{2}{3546361843241}$$ &c.

which was invented and demonſtrated in the Hyperbolick Spaces Analogous to the Logarithms, by the Excellent Mr. *James Gregory*, in his *Exercitationes Geometricæ*, and ſince further proſecuted by the aforeſaid Mr. *Speidall*, in a late Treatiſe, in *Engliſh*, by him publiſhed on this Subject. But the Demonſtration as I conceive, was never till now perfected without the conſideration of the Hyperbola, which in a matter purely Arithmetical as this is, cannot be ſo properly applied. But what follows I think I may more juſtly claim as my own, *viz.* That the Logarithm of the *ratio* of the Geometrical Mean to the Arithmetical between 22 and 24, or of $\sqrt{528}$ to 23 will be found to be either.

$$\frac{1}{1058} + \frac{1}{1119364} + \frac{1}{888215334} + \frac{1}{626487882248}$$

&c. or

$$\frac{1}{1057} + \frac{1}{3542796579} + \frac{1}{6596765584 85285}$$ &c.

All

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All these *Series* being to be multiplied into 0,4342944819 &c. if you design to make the Logarithm of *Briggs*. But with great Advantage in respect of the Work, the said 4342944819, &c. is divided by 1057 and the Quotient thereof again divided by three times the Square of 1057, and that Quotient again by $\frac{5}{3}$ of that Square, and that Quotient by $\frac{7}{5}$ thereof, and so forth, till you have as many Figures of your Logarithm as you desire. As for Example; the Logarithm of the Geometrical Mean, between 22 and 24, is found by the Logarithms of 2, 3 and 11 to be

1057)43429 &c.
3 in 1117249)41087 &c.
$\frac{5}{3}$ in 1117249)12258 &c.
$\frac{7}{5}$ in 1117249)65832 &c.
$\frac{9}{7}$ in 1117249)42088 &c.

1.36131696126690612945009172669805
(4108746281014681434731588636 8
(12258521544181829460074
(6583235184376175
(4208829765
(2930

Summa.

1.36172783601759287886777711225117

Which is the Logarithm of 23 to thirty two places, and obtained by five Divisions with very small *Divisors*; all which is much less Work than simply multiplying the *Series* into the said Multiplicator 43429, &c.

Before I pass on to the converse of this Problem, or to shew how to find the Number appertaining

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pertaining to a Logarithm aſſigned, it will be requiſite to advertiſe the Reader, that there is a ſmall miſtake in the aforeſaid Mr. *James Gregory*'s *Vera Quadratura Circuli & Hyperbolæ*, publiſhed at *Padua Anno* 1667. wherein he applies his Quadrature of the Hyperbola to the making the Logarithms; In *pag.* 48. he gives the Computation of the Lord *Napeir*'s Logarithm of 10, to five and twenty places, and finds it 2302585092994045624017870 inſtead of 2302585092994045684017991, erring in the eighteenth Figure, as I was aſſured upon my own Examination of the Number I here give you, and by compariſon thereof with the ſame wrought by another hand, agreeing therewith to 57 of the 60 places. Being deſirous to be ſatisfied how this difference aroſe, I took the no ſmall trouble of Examining Mr. *Gregory*'s Work, and at length found, that in the inſcribed *Polygon* of 512 Sides, , in the eighteenth Figure, was a 0 inſtead of 9, which being rectified, and the ſubſequent Work corrected therefrom, the reſult did agree to a Unite with our Number. And this I propoſe not to Cavil at an eaſie miſtake in managing of ſo vaſt Numbers, eſpecially by a Hand that has ſo well deſerved of the Mathematical Sciences, but to ſhew the exact coincidence of two ſo very differing Methods to make Logarithms, which might otherwiſe have been queſtioned.

From the Logarithm given to find what *ratio* it expreſſes, is a Problem that has not been ſo much conſidered as the former, but which is ſolved with the like eaſe, and demonſtrated

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strated by a like Process, from the same geneneral Theorem of Mr. *Newton*: For as the Logarithm of the *ratio* of 1 to $1+q$ was proved to be $\overline{1+q}^{\frac{1}{m}}-1$, and that of the *ratio* of 1 to $1-q$ to be $1-\overline{1-q}^{\frac{1}{m}}$: so the Logarithm, which we will from henceforth call L, being given, $1+L$, will be equal to $\overline{1+q}^{\frac{1}{m}}$ in the one case; and $1-L$ will be equal to $\overline{1-q}^{\frac{1}{m}}$ in the other: Consequently $\overline{1+L}^{m}$ will be equal to $1+q$, and $\overline{1-L}^{m}$ to $1-q$; that is, according to Mr. *Newton*'s said Rule, $1+mL+\frac{1}{2}m^2L^2+\frac{1}{6}m^3L^3+\frac{1}{24}m^4L^4+\frac{1}{120}m^5L^5$ &c. will be $=1+q$, and $1-mL+\frac{1}{2}m^2L^2-\frac{1}{6}m^3L^3+\frac{1}{24}m^4L^4-\frac{1}{120}m^5L^5$ &c. will be equal to $1-q$, m being any infinite Index whatsoever, which is a full and general Proposition from the Logarithm given to find the Number, be the *Species* of Logarithm what it will. But if *Napeir*'s Logarithm be given, the Multiplication by m is saved (which Multiplication is indeed no other than the reducing the other *Species* to his) and the *Series* will be more simple, *viz.* $1+L+\frac{1}{2}LL+\frac{1}{6}L^3+\frac{1}{24}L^4+\frac{1}{120}L^5$ &c. or $1-L+\frac{1}{2}LL-\frac{1}{6}L^3+\frac{1}{24}L^4-\frac{1}{120}L^5$ &c. This *Series*, especially in great Numbers converges so slowly, that it were to be wished it could be contracted.

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If one term of the *ratio*, whereof L is the Logarithm, be given, the other term will be easily had by the same Rule: For if L were *Napeir*'s Logarithm of the *ratio* of a the lesser to b the greater term, b would be the Product of a into $1+L+\frac{1}{2}LL+\frac{1}{6}LLL$ &c. $=a+aL+\frac{1}{2}aLL+\frac{1}{6}aL^3$ &c. But if b were given, a would be $=b-bL+\frac{1}{2}bLL-\frac{1}{6}bL^3$ &c. Whence, by the help of the *Chiliads*, the Number appertaining to any Logarithm will be exactly had to the utmost extent of the Tables. If you seek the nearest next Logarithm, whether greater or lesser, and call its Number a if lesser, or b if greater than the given L, and the difference thereof from the said nearest Logarithm you call l; it will follow, that the Number answering to the Logarithm L will be either a into $1+l+\frac{1}{2}ll+\frac{1}{6}lll+\frac{1}{24}l^4+\frac{1}{120}l^5$ &c. or else b into $1-l+\frac{1}{2}ll-\frac{1}{6}lll+\frac{1}{24}l^4-\frac{1}{120}l^5$ &c. wherein as l is less, the *Series* will converge the swifter. And if the first 20000 Logarithms be given to fourteen Places, there is rarely occasion for the three first steps of this *Series* to find the Number to as many places. But for *Vlacq*'s great Canon of 100000 Logarithms, which is made but to ten places, there is scarce ever need for more than the first step $a+al$ or $a+mal$ in one case, or else $b-bl$. or $b-mbl$ in the other, to have the Number true to as many Figures as those Logarithms consist of.

If future Industry shall ever produce Logarithmick Tables to many more places than now we have them; the aforesaid Theorems will be of more use to reduce the correspondent Natural Numbers to all the places thereof. In order to make the first *Chiliad* serve all Uses,

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Uses, I was desirous to contract this *Series*, wherein all the powers of l are present, into one, wherein each alternate Power might be wanting; but found it neither so simple or uniform as the other. Yet the first step thereof is, I conceive, most commodious for Practice, and withal exact enough for Numbers not exceeding fourteen places, such as are Mr. *Brigs*'s large Table of Logarithms; and therefore I recommend it to common Use.

It is thus: $a + \frac{al}{1 - \frac{1}{2}l}$ or $b - \frac{bl}{1 + \frac{1}{2}l}$ will be the Number answering to the Logarithm given, differing from the Truth by but one half of the third step of the former *Series*. But that which renders it yet more eligible, is, that with equal facility, it serves for *Brigg*'s or any other sort of Logarithm, with the only variation of writing $\frac{1}{m}$ instead of 1, that is, $a + \frac{al}{\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{2}l}$ and $b - \frac{bl}{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{2}l}$, or $\frac{\frac{1}{m}a + \frac{1}{2}la}{\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{2}l}$ and $\frac{\frac{1}{m}b - \frac{1}{2}lb}{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{2}l}$, which are easily resolv'd into Analogies, *viz.*

As 43429 &c. $- \frac{1}{2}l$ to 43429 $+ \frac{1}{3}l$ :: So is a } to the Number sought.

or As 43429 &c. $+ \frac{1}{2}l$ to 43429 $- \frac{1}{3}l$ :: So is b } to the Number sought.

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If more ſteps of this *Series* be deſired, it will be found as follows, $a + \frac{al}{1-\frac{1}{2}l} - \frac{\frac{1}{1\cdot 2}al^2}{1-l} + \frac{\frac{1}{2\cdot 3}al^3}{1-\frac{3}{2}l}$ &c. as may eaſily be demonſtrated by working out the Diviſions in each ſtep, and collecting the Quotes, whoſe Sum will be found to agreee with our former *Series*.

Thus I hope, I have cleared up the Doctrine of Logarithms, and ſhewn their Conſtruction and Uſe independant from the *Hyperbola*, whoſe Affections have hitherto been made uſe of for this purpoſe, though this be a matter purely Arithmetical, nor properly demonſtrable from the Principles of Geometry. Nor have I been obliged to have recourſe to the Method of Indiviſibles, or the Arithmetick of Infinites, the whole being no other than an eaſie Corollary to Mr. *Newton*'s General Theorem for forming Roots and Powers.

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A SOLUTION,

Given by Mr. *John Collins*, of a Chorographical Problem, Propoſed by *Richard Townley*, Eſq;

PROBLEM.

The Diſtances of three Objects in the ſame Plain being given, as *A*, *B*, *C*; The Angles made at a fourth Place in the ſame Plain as at *S*, are obſerved: The Diſtances from the Place of Obſervation to the reſpective Objects, are required.

The Problem hath ſix *Caſes*.

Caſe 1. IF the Station be taken without the Triangle made by the Objects but in one of the ſides thereof produced, as at *S* in the 9*th* Figure; find the Angle *ACB*; then in the Triangle *ACS* all the Angles and the ſide *AC* are known, whence *either*, *or both* the Diſtances *SA* or *SC* may be found.

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Caſe 2. If the Station be in one of the Sides of the Triangle, as in the 10*th* Figure at S, then having the three ſides *AC*, *CB*, *BA* given, find the Angle *C A B*; then again in the Triangle *S A B*, all the Angles, and the ſide *AB*, are known; whence may be found either *A S*, or *S B*, *Geometrically*, if you make the Angle *C A D* equal to the obſerved Angle *C S B*, and draw *B S* parallel to *D A*, you determine the Point of Station S.

Caſe 3. If the three Objects lie in a right Line as *A C B* (ſuppoſe it done) and that a Circle paſſeth through the Station *S*, and the two exterior Objects *A B*, then is the Angle *A B D* equal to the obſerved Angle *A S C* (by 21 of the 3d Book of *Euclid*) as inſiſting on the ſame Arch *A D*: And the Angle *B A D* in like manner equal to the obſerved Angle *C S B*: By this means, the point *D* is determined. Join *D C*, and produce the ſame, thn a Circle paſſing through Points *A B D*, interſects *D C*, produced at *S*, the place of Station.

Calculation.

In the Triangle *A B D*, all the Angles and the ſide *A B* are known, whence may be found the ſide *A D*.

Then in the Triangle *C A D* the two ſides *C A* and *A D* are known and their contained Angle *C A D* is known; whence may be found the Angles *C D A* and *A C D*, the complement whereof to a Semicircle is the Angle *S C A*: in which Triangle the Angles are now all known and the ſide *A C*: whence may be found either of the Diſtances, *S C* or *S A*.

Caſe 4.

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Caſe 4. If the Station be without the Triangle, made by the Objects, the ſum of the Angles obſerved is leſs than four right Angles. The Conſtruction is the ſame as in the laſt Caſe, and the Calculation likewiſe; ſaving that you muſt make one Operation more, having the three Sides, *A C*, *C B*, *B A*, thereby find the Angle *C A B*, which add to the Angle *E A D*, then you have the two ſides, *viz. A C*, being one of the Diſtances, and *A D*, (found as in the former Caſe) with their contained Angle *C A D*, given to find the Angles *C D A*, and *A C D*, the Complement whereof to a Semicircle, is the Angle *S C A*: Now in the Triangle *S C A*, the Angle at *C* being found, and at *S* obſerved, and given by Suppoſition, the other at *A* is likewiſe known, as being the complement of the two former to a Semicircle, and the ſide *A C* given; hence the Diſtance *C S* or *A S* may be found.

Caſe 5. If the place of Station be at ſome Point *within* the plain of the Triangle, made by the three Objects, the Conſtruction and Calculation is the ſame as in the laſt, ſaving only that inſtead of the obſerved Angle *A S C*, the Angle *A B D* is equal to the Complement thereof to a Semicircle, to wit, it is equal to the Angle *A S D*; both of them inſiſting on the ſame Arch *A D*: And in like manner the Angle *B A D* is equal to the Angle *D S B*, which is the Complement of the obſerved *C S B*; and in this Caſe, the ſum of the three Angles obſerved, is equal to four right Angles.

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In these three latter Cases no use is made of the Angle observed between the two Objects, as *A* and *B*, that are made the Base-line of the Construction; yet the same is of ready use for finding the third Distance, or last side sought, as in the fourth Scheme, in the Triangle *S A B*, there is given the Distance *A B*, its opposite Angle equal to the sum of the two observed Angles, and the Angle *S A B* attained, as in the fourth Case: Hence the third Side or last Distance *S B* may be found.

And here it may be noted, that the three Angles *C A S*, *A S B*, *S B C*, are together equal to the Angle *A C B*, for the two Angles *C S B*, and *C B S*, are equal to *E C B*, as being the Complement of *S C B* to two right Angles; and the like in the Triangle on the other side. *Ergo*, *&c.*

Case 6. If the three Objects be *A*, *B*, *C*, and the Station at *S*, as before, it may happen, according to the former Constructions, that the Points *C* and *D* may fall close together, and so a right Line joining them may be produced with uncertainty; in such case the Circle may be conceived to pass through the place of Station at *S*, and any two of the Objects (as in the sixth Scheme) through *B* and *C*; wherein making the Angle *D B C* equal to the observed Angle *A S C*, and *B C D* equal to the Complement to 180 degrees of both the observed Angles in *D S B* thereby the Point *D* is determined, through which, and the points *C B*, the Circle is to be described, and joyning *D A*, (produced, when need requireth) where it intersects

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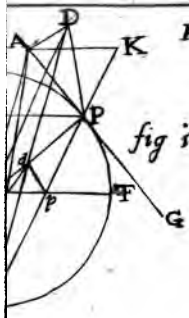

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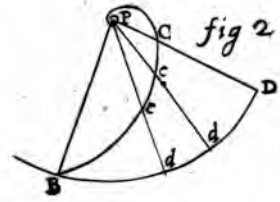

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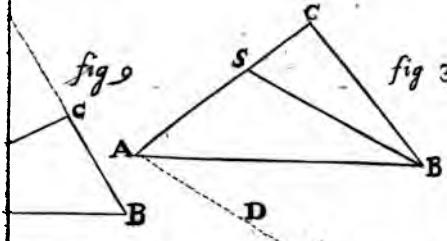

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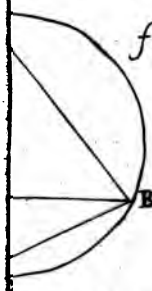

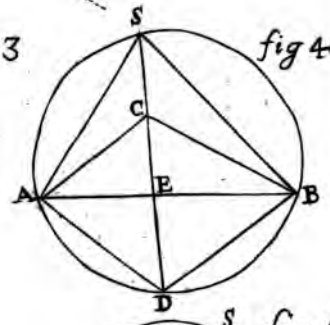

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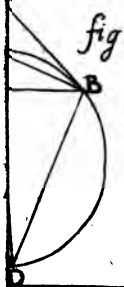

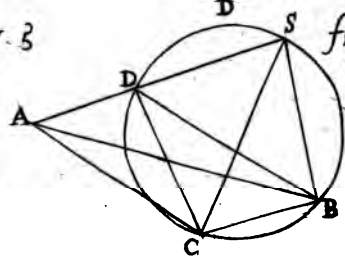

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terſects the Circle, as at *S*, is the place of Station ſought.

This Problem may be of good Uſe for the due Situation of Sands or Rocks, that are within ſight of three Places upon Land, whoſe diſtances are well known; or for *Chorographical* Uſes, *&c.* Eſpecially now there is a Method of obſerving Angles nicely accurate by aid of the *Teleſcope*; and was therefore thought fit to be now Publiſh'd though it be a competent time ſince it was delivered in Writing.

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The Solutions of three Chorographic Problems, by a Member of the Philoſophical Society *of* Oxford.

THE three following Problems may occur at Sea, in finding the diſtance and poſition of *Rocks*, *Sands*, &c. from the Sea Shoar; or in the Surveying of the Sea Coaſt; When only two Objects, whoſe diſtance from each other is known, can be ſeen at one Station; but eſpecially they may be uſeful to one that would make a *Map* of a Country by a Series of Triangles derived from one or more meaſured Baſes; which is the moſt exact way of finding the bearing and diſtance of Places from each other, and thence their true Longitude and Latitude; and may conſequently occur to one that would in that manner meaſure a Degree on the Earth.

The firſt Problem (Fig. 3 and 4.)

There are two Objects, *B* and *C*, whoſe diſtance *B C* is known; and there are two ſtations at *A* and *E*, where the Objects *B C* being viſible, and the Stations one from another, the Angles *B A C*, *B A E*, *A E B*, *A E C*, are known by Obſervation, (which may be made with an ordinary Serveying *Semicircle*, or *Croſtaff*; or if the Objects be beyond

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beyond the view of the naked Eye, with a *Teleſcopick Quadrant*) to find the diſtances or lines *AB*, *AC*, *AE*, *EC*.

Conſtruction.

In each of the Triangles *BAE*, *CAE*, two Angles at *A*, *E*, being known, the third is alſo known: then take any line $\alpha\varepsilon$ at pleaſure, on which conſtitute the Triangles $\beta\alpha\varepsilon$, $\alpha\varepsilon\gamma$ reſpectively equiangular to the Triangles *BAE*, *AEC*; join $\beta\gamma$. Then upon *BC* conſtitute the Triangles *BCA*, *BCE*, equiangular to the correſpondent triangles $\beta\gamma\alpha$, $\beta\gamma\varepsilon$, join *AE*, and the thing is manifeſtly done.

The Calculation.

Aſſuming $\alpha\varepsilon$ of any number of parts, in triangles $\alpha\beta\varepsilon$, $\alpha\gamma\varepsilon$, the angles being given, the ſides $\alpha\beta$, $\alpha\gamma$, $\varepsilon\beta$, $\varepsilon\gamma$ may be found by Trignometry: Then in the Triangle $\beta\alpha\gamma$, having the angle $\beta\alpha\gamma$, and the legs $\alpha\beta$, $\alpha\gamma$, we may find $\beta\gamma$. Then $\beta\gamma$. *BC*:: $\beta\alpha$. *BA*:: $\beta\varepsilon$. *BE*:: $\gamma\alpha$. *CA*:: $\gamma\varepsilon$. *CF*.

The ſecond Problem (Fig. 5 and 6.)

Three Objects *B*, *C*, *D*, are given, or (which is the ſame) the ſides, and conſequently angles of the triangle *BCD* are given; alſo there are two points or ſtations *A*, *E*, ſuch, that at *A* may be ſeen the three points *BCE*, but not *D*; and at the ſtation *E* may be ſeen *A*, *C*, *D*, but not *B*, that is the angles *BAC*, *BAE*, *AEC*, *AED*, (and conſequently *EAC*, *AEC*, are known by obſervation: to find the lines *AB*, *AC*, *AE* *EC*, *ED*.

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Construction.

Take any line $\alpha\varepsilon$ at pleasure, and at its extremities make the angles $\varepsilon\alpha\gamma$, $\varepsilon\alpha\beta$, $\alpha\varepsilon\gamma$, $\alpha\varepsilon\delta$, equal to the correspondent observed angles *EAC*, *EAB*, *AEC*, *AED*. Produce $\beta\alpha$, $\delta\varepsilon$, till they meet in φ, join $\varphi\gamma$; then upon *CB* describe (according to 33. 3. *Eucl.*) a segment of a circle that may contain an angle $= \gamma\varphi\beta$; and upon *CD* describe a segment of a circle capable of an angle $= \gamma\varphi\delta$; suppose *F* the common section of these two circles; join *FB*, *FC*, *FD*; then from the point *C*, draw forth the lines *CA*, *CE*, so that the angle *FCA* may be $= \varphi\gamma\alpha$, and $FCE = \varphi\gamma\varepsilon$; so *A*, *E*, the common Sections of *CA*, *CE*, with *FB*, *FD*, will be the points required, from whence the rest is easily deduced.

The Calculation.

Assuming $\alpha\varepsilon$ of any number, in the triangles $\alpha\gamma\varepsilon$, $\alpha\varphi\varepsilon$, all the angles being given, with the side $\alpha\varepsilon$ assum'd, the sides $\alpha\gamma$, $\varepsilon\gamma$, $\alpha\varphi$, $\varepsilon\varphi$, will be known; then in the triangle $\gamma\alpha\varphi$, the angle $\gamma\alpha\varphi$, with the legs $\alpha\gamma$, $\alpha\varphi$, being known, the angles $\alpha\varphi\gamma$, $\alpha\gamma\varphi$, with the side $\varphi\gamma$ will be known: then as for the rest of the work in the other figure, the triangle *BCD* having all its sides and angles known, and the angles *BFC*, *BFD*, being equal to the found $\beta\varphi\gamma$, $\beta\varphi\delta$; how to find *FB*, *FC*, *FD* by *Calculation* (and also *Protraction*) is shewn by Mr. *Collins* in the precedent Discourse, as to all its cases, which may therefore supersede my shewing any other way.

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But here it muſt be noted, that if the ſum of the obſerved angles, *B A E*, *A E D*, is 180 degrees: then *A B* and *E D* cannot meet, becauſe they are parallel, and conſequently the given Solution cannot take place; for which reaſon I here ſubjoin another.

Another Solution.

Upon *B C* (Fig. 7.) deſcribe a ſegment *B A C* of a circle, ſo that the angle of the ſegment may be equal to the obſerved ∠ *β α γ*, (which as above quoted is ſhewn 33. 3. *Euclid.*) and upon *C D* deſcribe a ſegment *C E D* of a circle capable of an angle equal to the obſerved *CED*; from *C* draw the diameters of theſe circles *C G C H*; then upon *C G* deſcribe a ſegment of a circle *G F C*, capable of an angle equal to the obſerved ∠ *A E C*; likewiſe upon *C H* deſcribe a circle's ſegment *C F H*, capable of an angle equal to the obſerved *C A E*: ſuppoſe *F* the common Section of the two laſt circles *HFC*, *GFC*, join *F H*, cutting the circle *H E C* in *E*, join alſo *F G*, cutting the circle *G A C* in *A*: I ſay that *A*, *E*, are the points required.

Demonſtration.

For the ∠ *B A C* is = *β α γ* by conſtruction of the ſegment, alſo the angles *C E H*, *C A G*, are right, becauſe each exiſts in a ſemicircle: therefore a circle being deſcribed upon *C F* as a diameter, will paſs through *E*, *A*; Therefore the angle *C A E* = ∠ *C F E* = *C F H* = (by conſtruction) to the obſerved angle *γ α ε*. In like manner the ∠ *C E A* = *C F A* = *C F G* = obſerv'd angle *γ ε α*.

In the ſtations *A*, *E*, fall in a right line with the point *C*; the lines *G A*, *H E* being parallel,

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lel, cannot meet: but in this case the Problem is indeterminate and capable of infinite Solutions. For as before upon CG describe a Segment of a circle capable of the observed $L\gamma\epsilon\alpha$, and upon CH, describe a Segment capable of the observed $\gamma\alpha\epsilon$: then through C, draw a line any way cutting the circles in A, E, these points will answer the question.

The third Problem.

Four points B, C, D, F, (Fig. 8.) or the 4 sides of a quadrilateral, with the angles comprehended are given; also there are two stations A and E such, that at A, only BCE are visible, and at E only ADF, that is, the angles BAC, BAE, AED, DEF are given: to find the places of the two points AE, and consequently, the lengths of the lines AB, AC, AE, ED, EF.

Construction.

Upon BC (by 33. 3. *Eucl.*) describe a segment of a circle, that may contain an angle equal to the observed angle BAC, then from C draw the Chord CM, or a line cutting the circle in M; so that the Angle BCM may be equal to the supplement of the observed angle BAE, i. e. its residue to 180 degrees. In like manner on DF describe a segment of a circle, capable of an angle equal to the observ'd DEF, and from D draw the Chord DN, so that the angle FDN may be equal to the supplement of the observ'd angle AEF, join MN, cutting the two circles in A, E: I say A, E, are the two points requir'd.

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Demonſtration.

Join *AB*, *AC*, *ED*, *EF*, then is the ∠ *MAB* =∠ *BCM* (by 21. 3. *Eucl.*)= ſupplement of the obſerv'd ∠ *BAE* by conſtrution, therefore the conſtructed ∠ *BAE*, is equal to that which was obſerved. Alſo the ∠ *BAC* of the ſegment is the conſtruction of the Segment, equal to the obſerv'd ∠ *BAC*. In like manner the conſtructed angles *AEF*, and *DEF*, are equal to the correſpondent obſerved angles *AEF*, *DEF*, therefore *AE* are the points requir'd.

The Calculation.

In the Triangle *BCM*, the ∠ *BCM* (=ſupplement of *BAE*) and ∠ *BMC* (=*BAC*) are given, with the ſide *BC*; thence *MC* may be found; in like manner *DN* in the △ *DNF* may be found. But the ∠ *MCD*)=*BCD*---*BCM*) is known, with its legs *MC*, *CD*, therefore its Baſe *MD*, and ∠ *MDC*, may be known. Therefore the ∠ *MDN* (=*CDF*--*CDM*--*FDN*) is known, with its legs *MD*, *DN*; thence *MN* with the angles *DMN*, *DNM*, will be known Then the ∠ *CMA*(=(∠*DMC* +*DMN*) is known, with the ∠ *MAC* =*MAB*+*BAC*) and *MC* before found; therefore *MA* and *AC* will be known. In like manner in the triangle *EDN*, the angles *E*, *N*, with the ſide *DN* being known, the ſides *EN*, *ED*, will be known; therefore *AE* (=*MN*---*MA*--*EN*) is known. Alſo in the triangle *ABC*, the ∠ *A* with its ſides *BC*, *CA*, being known, the ſide *AB*, will be known, with the ∠ *BCA*; ſo in the triangle *EFD*, the ∠ *E* with the ſides, *ED*, *DF* being known, *EF* will be found, with the ∠*EDF*. Laſtly, in the triangle

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gle *A C D*, the ∠ *A C D* (= *B C D*--*B C A*) with its legs *A C*, *C D* being known, the ſide *A D*, will be known; and in like manner *E C* in the triangle *E D C*.

Note, that in this Problem, as alſo in the firſt and ſecond, if the two ſtations fall in a right line with either of the given Objects: the *locus* of *A*, or *E*, being a circle, the particular point of *A*, or *E*, cannot be determined from the things given.

As to the other caſes of this third Problem, wherein *A* and *E*, may ſhift places, *i. e.* only *D F E*, may be viſible at *A*, and only *A*, *B*, *C*, at *E*; or wherein *B*, *D*, *E*, may be viſible at *A*, and only *C*, *F*, *A*, at *E*; or wherein *A* may be of one ſide of the quadrilateral, and *E* on the other; or one of the ſtations within the quadrilateral, and the other without it: I ſhall for brevity ſake omit the Figures, and diverſity of the Sines + and -- in the calculation, and preſume that the Surveyor will eaſily direct himſelf in thoſe caſes, by what has been ſaid.

The ſolution of this third Problem is general, and ſerves alſo for both the precedent. For ſuppoſe *C D*, the ſame point in the laſt figure, and it gives the ſolution of the ſecond Problem: but if *B C* be ſuppos'd the ſame points with *D*, *F*, by proceeding as in the laſt, you may directly ſolve the firſt Problem.

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An Arithmetical Paradox, concerning the Chances of Lotteries; by the Honourable Francis Roberts, *Eſq; Fellow of the* R. S.

AS ſome Truths (like the *Axioms* of *Geometry* and *Metaphyſicks*) are ſelf-evident at the firſt View, ſo there are others no leſs certain in their Foundation, that have a very different Aſpect, and without a ſtrict and careful Examination, rather ſeem repugnant.

We may find Inſtances of this kind in moſt Sciences.

In *Geometry*, That a Body of an infinite Length, may yet have but a finite Magnitude.

In *Geography*, That if *Antwerp* be due Eaſt to *London*, for that reaſon *London* cannot be Weſt to *Antwerp*.

In *Aſtronomy*, That at the *Barbadoes* (and other Places between the Line and Tropick) the Sun, part of the Year, comes twice in a Morning to ſome Points of the Compaſs.

In *Hydroſtaticks*, That a hollow Cone (ſtanding upon its Baſis) being fill'd with Water, the Water ſhall preſs the bottom with three times the Weight, as if the ſame Water was frozen to Ice; and Figures might be contriv'd to make it preſs a hundred times as much.

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Theſe Speculations, as they are generally pleaſant, ſo they may alſo be of good uſe to warn us of the Miſtakes we are liable to, by careleſs and ſuperficial Reaſoning.

I ſhall add one Inſtance in *Arithmetick*, which perhaps may ſeem as great a Paradox as any of the former.

There are two Lotteries, at either of which a Gameſter paying a Shilling for a Lot or Throw; The firſt Lottery upon a juſt Computation of the Odds, has 3 to 1 of the Gameſter; the Second Lottery, but 2 to one; nevertheleſs, the Gameſter has the very ſame diſadvantage (and no more) in playing at the Firſt Lottery, as the Second.

It looks very like a Contradiction, that the Diſadvantage ſhould be no greater in playing againſt 3 to 1, than 2 to 1, but it may thus be reſolv'd.

Let the { 1ſt. 2d } Lottery conſiſt of { 3 Blanks & 1 Prize of { 16 pence 2 ſhilling } } a-piece.
{ 3 4 } { 3 2 }

In the firſt Lottery the Gameſter hazards a Shilling to win a Groat, and the Chances being equal, it is evident there is 3 to one againſt him.

In the Second Lottery, the Gameſter ventures a Shilling againſt a Shilling, and the Lots being 4 to 2, his Diſadvantage is 2 to 1.

And a Lot at either of them being truly worth juſt 8 Pence, (*viz.* the 6th part of 3 times 16 Pence, or twice 2 Shillings) the Diſadvantage muſt be the very ſame in both Caſes, that is, the Gameſter pays a Shilling for a Lot that is worth but 8 Pence.

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The Method of finding this Anſwer being ſomewhat out of the common Road, I ſhall here add it, and thereby infinite Solutions of the ſame kind may be diſcovered.

1*ſt*. Lottery.

Let a=the number of Blanks.
b=the number of Prizes.
r=the Value of a Prize.

2*d*. Lottery.

Let m=the number of Blanks.
n=the number of Prizes.
s=the value of a Prize.

1 =to what you pay for a Lot, *viz*. a Shilling.

So the Lottery has its Chances for 1, and the Gameſter his for $r-1$. Now the true Odds conſiſting of the compounded Proportion of the Chances and the Values, *viz*. $\frac{a}{b}$ and $\frac{1}{r-1}$, the Share of the Lottery will be a, and that of the Gameſter $rb-b$. Therefore as the preſent caſe ſtands, the firſt Lottery muſt be $n=3rb-3b$, and by the like reaſoning, the ſecond Lottery will be $m=2sn-2n$. Now the Value of a Lot being the Sum of the Prizes divided by the number of Lots, (which muſt be equal in both Lotteries) it yields

$$\frac{rb}{a+b}=\frac{sn}{m+n}$$

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a	1	$a = 3rb - 3b$
b	2	$m = 2sn - 2n$
r } =?	3	$\frac{rb}{a+b} = \frac{sn}{m+n}$
m	4	(*)
n	5	(*)
s	6	(*)
q = ?	7	Let $\frac{rb}{a+b} = q$
7 * $a+b$	8	$rb = qa + qb$
8 x 3	9	$3rb = 3qa + 3qb$
1 + 3*b*	10	$3rb = a + 3b$
9, 10	11	$3qa + 3qb = a + 3b$
Scope	12	If $a = o$ to avoid negative Numbers.
11, 12	13	$3b = 3qb$
13 ÷ 3*b*	14	$q = 1$
12, 14	15	$q > 1$ makes $a < o$, $q < 1$ makes $a > o$
Scope	16	If $b = o$
11, 16	17	$3qa = a$
17 ÷ 3*a*	18	$q = \frac{1}{3}$
16, 18	19	$q < \frac{1}{3}$ makes $b < o$ $q > \frac{1}{3}$ makes $b > o$
	20	$\frac{sn}{m+n} = q$
3, 7,	21	$sn = qm + qn$
20 * $m+n$	22	$2sn = 2qm + 2qn$
21 * 2	23	$2sn = m + 2n$
2 + 2*n*	24	$2qm + 2qn = m + 2n$
22, 23		
Scope	25	If $m = o$
24, 25	26	$2qn = 2n$
26 ÷ 2*n*	27	$q = 1$
25, 27	28	$q > 1$ makes $m < o$ $q < 1$ makes $m > o$

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Scope		
24, 29	29	If $n = o$
30 ÷ 2 m	30	$2qm = m$
29, 31	31	$q = \frac{2}{2}$
	32	$q < \frac{1}{2}$ makes $n < o$ $q > \frac{1}{2}$ $n > o$
15,19,28,32	33	that $a\,b\,m\,n$ may be $> o$, q muſt be $> \frac{1}{2} < 1$
33, 4 (*)	34	Let therefore $Q =$
7 34.	35	$\frac{r\,b}{a+b} = \frac{2}{3}$
35 *, 10	36	$3rb = 2a+2b = a+3b$
36 —	37	$a = b$
20, 34.	38	$\frac{s\,n}{m+n} = \frac{2}{3}$
38 *	39	$3sn = 2m+2n$
39 * 2	40	$6sn = 4m+4n$
23 * 3	41	$6sn = 3m+6n$
40, 41	42	$4m+4n = 3m+6n$
42 —	43	$m = 2n$
1 ÷ 37	44	$1 = 3r-3$
44+3	45	$3r = 4$
2 ÷ n, 43	46	$2 = 2s-2$
46+2	47	$2s = 4$
5 (*)	48	Let $A = 3$
37, 48	49	$B = 3$
45 ÷ 3	50	$R = \frac{4}{3}$, id eſt, 16 Pence.
6 (*)	51	Let $M = 4$
43, 51	52	$N = 2$
47 ÷ 2	53	$S = 2$ 2 Shillings.

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A New, Exact and Easie Method, of finding the Roots of any Equations Generally, and that without any previous Reduction. By Edm. Halley.

THE principal use of the *Analytick Art*, is to bring Mathematical Problems to Equations, and to exhibit those Equations in the most simple Terms that can be. But this Art would justly seem in some degree defective, and not *sufficiently Analytical*, if there were not some Methods, by the help of which, the Roots (be they Lines or Numbers, might be gotten from the Equations that are found, and so the Problems in that respect be solved. The Ancients scarce knew any thing in these Matters, beyond *Quadratick Equations*. And what they writ of the *Geometrick Construction* of solid Problems, by the help of the *Parabola*, *Cissoid*, or any other Curve, were only particular things design'd for some particular Cases. But as to *Numerical Extraction*, there is every where a profound Silence; so that whatever we perform now in this kind, is entirely owing to the Inventions of the Moderns.

And first of all, that great Discoverer and Restorer of the Modern Algebra, *Francis Vieta*, about 100 Years since, shew'd a general Method

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thod for extracting the Roots of any Equation, which he publiſh'd under the Title of, *A Numerical Reſolution of Powers*, &c. *Harriot*, *Oughtred*, and others, as well of our own Country, as Foreigners, ought to acknowledge whatſoever they have written upon this Subject, as taken from *Vieta*. But what the Sagacity of Mr. *Newton*'s Genius has perform'd in this buſineſs, we may rather conjecture (than be fully aſſur'd of) from that ſhort Specimen given by Dr. *Wallis* in the 94th Chapter of his *Algebra*. And we muſt be forc'd to expect it, till his great Modeſty ſhall yield to the Intreaties of his Friends, and ſuffer thoſe curious Diſcoveries to ſee the Light.

Not long ſince (*viz. A. D.* 1690) that excellent Perſon M. *Joſeph Raphſon*, F. R. S. publiſh'd his *Univerſal Analyſis of Equations*, and illuſtrated his Method by plenty of Examples; by all which he has given Indications of a Mathematical Genius, from which the greateſt things may be expected.

By his Example, M. *de Lagney* an ingenious Profeſſor of Mathematicks at *Paris*, was encourag'd to attempt the ſame Argument; but he being almoſt altogether taken up in extracting the Roots of pure Powers (eſpecially the Cubick) adds but little about affected Equations, and that pretty much perplex'd too, and not ſufficiently demonſtrated. Yet he gives two very compendious Rules for the Approximation of a Cubical Root; one a Rational, and the other an Irrational one. Ex. gr. that the ſide of the Cube $aaa+b$, is between

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$$a + \frac{ab}{3aaa+b}, \text{ \& } \sqrt{\tfrac{1}{4}aa + \frac{b}{3a}} + \tfrac{1}{2}a.$$

And the root of the 5th Power $a^5 + b$, he makes

$$= \tfrac{1}{2}a + \sqrt{\sqrt{\tfrac{1}{4}a^4 + \frac{b}{5a}} - \tfrac{1}{4}aa}$$ (where Note, that 'tis $\frac{1}{4}aa$, not $\frac{1}{2}aa$, as 'tis erroneously Printed in the French Book.) These Rules were communicated to me by a Friend, I having not seen the Book; but having by tryal found the goodness of them, and admiring the Compendium, I was willing to find out the Demonstration. Which having done, I presently found that the same Method might be accommodated to the Resolution of all sorts of Equations. And I was the rather inclin'd to improve these Rules, because I saw that the whole thing might be Explain'd in a *Synopsis*; and that by this means, at every repeated step of the Calculus, the Figures already found in the Root, would be at least Trebled, which all other ways, are encreased but in an equal Number with the given ones. Now, the forementionn'd Rules are easily demonstrated from the Genesis of the Cube, and the 5th Power. For, supposing the side of any Cube $= a + e$, the Cube arising from thence, is $aaa + 3aae + 3aee + eee$. And consequently, if we suppose aaa the next less Cube, to any given Noncubick Number, then eee will be less than Unity, and the remainder b, will $=$ the other Members of the Cube, $3aae + 3aee + eee$. Whence rejecting eee upon the account of its smallness, we have $b = 3aae + 3aee$. And since

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$3ae$ is much greater than eee, the quantity $\frac{b}{3aa}$ will not much exceed e; so that putting $e = \frac{b}{3aa}$ then the quantity $\frac{b}{3aa+3ae}$ (to which e is nearly equal) will be found

$$= \frac{b}{3aa+\frac{3ab}{3aa}}, \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{b}{3aa+\frac{b}{a}} \text{ that is } \frac{ab}{3aa+b} = e$$

And so the side of the Cube $aaa+s$ will be $a+\frac{ab}{3aa+b}$, which is the *Rational Formula* of M. *de Lagney*. But now, if aaa were the next greater Cubick Number to that given, the side of the Cube $aaa-b$, will after the same manner be found to be $a-\frac{ab}{3aa-b}$. And this easy and expeditious Approximation to the Cubick Root, is only (a very small matter) erroneous in point of *defect*, the quantity e, the remainder of the Root thus found, coming something less than really 'tis.

As for the *Irrational Formula*, 'tis deriv'd from the same Principle, *viz.* $b = 3aae+3aee$, or $\frac{b}{3a} = ae+ee$, and so $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}aa+\frac{b}{3a}} = \frac{1}{2}a+e$, and $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}aa+\frac{b}{3a}}+\frac{1}{2}a = a+e$, the Root sought. Also the side of the Cube $aaa-b$, after the same manner, will be found to be $\frac{1}{2}a+\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}aa-\frac{b}{3a}}$.

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And this *Formula* comes ſomething nearer to the Scope, being erroneous in point of *exceſs*, as the other was in *defect*, and is more accommodated to the ends of Practice, ſince the Reſtitution of the Calculus, is nothing elſe but the continual addition or ſubſtraction of the Quantity $\frac{aee}{3a}$ according as the quantity e can be known. So that we ſhould rather write $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a+\frac{b-eee}{3a}}+\frac{1}{2}a$, in the former caſe, and in the latter, $\frac{1}{2}a+\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}aa+\frac{eee-b}{3a}}$. But by either of the two *Formula*'s, the Figures already known in the Root to be extracted, are at leaſt Tripled; which I conclude will be very grateful to all the Students in Arithmetick; and I congratulate the Inventor upon the account of his Diſcovery.

But that the uſe of theſe Rules may be the better perceiv'd, I think it proper to ſubjoin an Example or two. Let it be propos'd to find the ſide of the double Cube, or $aaa+b=2$. Here $a=1$, and $\frac{b}{3a}=\frac{1}{2}$, &ſo $\frac{1}{2}+\sqrt{\frac{7}{12}}$, or 1, 26, be found to be the true ſide nearly. Now, the Cube of 1, 26, is 2, 000376, and ſo $0,63+\sqrt{,3969-\frac{,000376}{3,78}}$, or $0, 63+\sqrt{,39680052}$ $91005291=1,259921049895-$; which in 13 Figures, gives the ſide of the double Cube, with very little trouble, *viz.* By one only diviſion, and the extraction of the ſquare Root; when as by the common way of working, how much

much pains it would have cost, the Skilful very well know. This Calculus a Man may continue as far as he pleases, by encreasing the Square by the addition of the quantity $\frac{eee}{3a}$; which Correction, in this case will give, but the encrease of Unity in the 14th Figure of the Root.

Exemp. 2*d.* Let it be propos'd to find the sides of a Cube equal to that English Measure commonly call'd a Gallon, which contains 231 solid Ounces. The next less Cube is 216, whose side $6 = a$, and the remainder $15 = b$; and so for the first Approximation, we have $3 + \sqrt{9 + \frac{5}{6}}$ = the Root. And since $\sqrt{9,8333\ldots}$ is $3,1358\ldots$, 'tis plain that $6,358 = a + e$. Now, let $6,1358 = a$; and we shall then have for its Cube 231,000853894712, & according to the Rule, $3,0679 + \sqrt{9,41201041} - \frac{000858394712}{18,4070}$ is most accurately equal to the side of the given Cube, which within the space of an Hour, I determin'd by Calculation to be 6.1357924 3966195897, which is exact in the 18th Figure, defective in the 19th. And this *Formula* is deservedly preferable to the *Rationale*, upon the account of the great Divisor, which is not to be manag'd without a great deal of Labour; whereas the extraction of the square Root, proceeds much more easily, as manifold Experience has taught me.

But the Rule for the Root of a pure Surso-lid, or the 5th Power, is of something a higher Enquiry, and does much more perfectly yet, do

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do the business; for it does at least Quintuple the given Figures in the Root, neither is the Calculus very large or operose. Tho' the Author no where shews his method of Invention, or any Demonstration, altho' it seems to be very much wanting; especially since all things are not right in the printed Book, which may easily deceive the Unskilful. Now the 5th power of the side $a+e$ is compos'd of these Members, $a^5+5a^4e+10a^3e^2+10a^2e^3+5ae^4+e^5=a^5+b$; from whence $b=5a^4e+10a^3e^2+10a^2e^3+5ae^4$, rejecting e^5 because of its smallness. Whence $\frac{b}{5a}=a^3e+2a^2e^2+2ae^3+e^4$, and adding on both sides $\frac{1}{4}a^4$, we shall have $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^4+\frac{b}{5a}}=\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^4+a^3e+\frac{3}{2}a^2e^2+2ae^3+e^4}=\frac{1}{2}aa+ae+ee$. Then subtracting $\frac{1}{2}aa$ from both sides, $\frac{1}{2}a+e$ will $=\sqrt{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^4+\frac{b}{5a}}-\frac{1}{4}aa}$; to which if $\frac{1}{2}a$ be added, then will $a+e=\frac{1}{2}a+\sqrt{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^4+\frac{b}{5a}}-\frac{1}{4}aa}$ = the root of the Power a^5+b. But if it had a^5-b (the quantity a being too great) the Rule would have been thus, $\frac{1}{2}a+\sqrt{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^4-\frac{b}{5a}}-\frac{1}{4}aa}$.

And this Rule approaches wonderfully, so that there is hardly any need of Restitution.

But while I considered these things with my self, I light upon a General Method for the *Formula*'s of all Powers whatsoever, and (which being handsome and concise enough) I thought I would not conceal from the Publick. These

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These Formula's, (as well the *Rational*, as the *Irrational* ones) are thus.

$$\sqrt{aa+b} = \sqrt{aa+b}, \text{ or } a+\frac{ab}{2aa+\frac{1}{2}b}.$$

$$\sqrt[3]{a^3+b} = \tfrac{1}{2}a+\sqrt{\tfrac{1}{2}aa+\frac{b}{3a}} \text{ or } a+\frac{ab}{3aaa+b}$$

$$\sqrt[4]{a^4+b} = \tfrac{2}{3}a+\sqrt{\tfrac{1}{9}aa+\frac{b}{6aa}}, \text{or } a+\frac{ab}{4a^3+\frac{1}{2}b}$$

$$\sqrt[5]{a^5+b} = \tfrac{3}{4}a+\sqrt{\tfrac{1}{16}aa+\frac{b}{10a^3}}, \text{or } a+\frac{ab}{5a^4+2b}.$$

$$\sqrt[6]{a^6+b} = \tfrac{4}{5}a+\sqrt{\tfrac{4}{25}aa+\frac{b}{15a^4}}, \text{or } a+\frac{ab}{6a^5+\frac{1}{2}b}.$$

$$\sqrt[7]{a^7+b} = \tfrac{5}{6}a+\sqrt{\tfrac{1}{36}aa+\frac{b}{21a^5}}, \text{or } a+\frac{ab}{7a^6+3b}.$$

And so also of the other higher Powers. But if *a* were assumed bigger, than the Root sought (which is done with some advantage, as often as the Power to be Resolved, is much nearer, the Power of the *next greater* whole Number, than of the *next less*) in this case, *Mutatis Mutandis*, we shall have the same Expressions of the Roots, *viz.*

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$\sqrt{aa-b} = \sqrt{aa-b}$, or $a - \frac{ab}{2aa-\frac{1}{2}b}$.

$\sqrt[3]{a^3-b} = \frac{1}{2}+\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}aa-\frac{b}{3a}}$, or $a - \frac{ab}{3a^3-b}$.

$\sqrt[4]{a^4-b} = \frac{1}{2}a+\sqrt{\frac{1}{8}aa-\frac{b}{6aa}}$, or $a - \frac{ab}{4a^3-\frac{1}{2}b}$.

$\sqrt[5]{a^5-b} = \frac{3}{4}a+\sqrt{\frac{1}{10}aa-\frac{b}{10a^3}}$, or, $a - \frac{ab}{5a^3-2b}$.

$\sqrt[6]{a^6-b} = \frac{1}{2}a+\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}aa-\frac{b}{15a^4}}$, or $a - \frac{ab}{6a^6-\frac{5}{2}b}$.

$\sqrt[7]{a^7-b} = \frac{5}{8}a+\sqrt{\frac{5}{56}aa-\frac{b}{21a^5}}$, or $a - \frac{7ab}{7a^7-3b}$.

And within these two Terms, the true Root is ever found, being something nearer to the *Irrational* than the *Rational* Expression. But the quantity *e* found by the *Irrational Formula*, is always too great, as the Quotient resulting from the Rational Formula, is always too little. And consequently, if we have $+b$, the *Irrational Formula* gives the Root something greater than it should be, and the *Rational* something less. But contrary wise if it be $-b$.

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And thus much may ſuffice to be ſaid, concerning the extraction of the Roots of pure Powers; which notwithſtanding, for common Uſes, may be had much more eaſily by the help of the Logarithms. But when a Root is to be determin'd very accurately, and the Logarithmick Tables will not reach ſo far, then we muſt neceſſarily have recourſe to theſe, or ſuch like Methods. Farther; the Invention and Contemplation of theſe Formulæ, leading me to a certain Univerſal Rule, for adfected Equations (which I hope will be of uſe to all the Students in *Algebra* and *Geometry*) I was willing here to give ſome account of this Diſcovery, which I will do with all the perſpecuity I can. I had given at N°. 188 of the *Tranſactions*, a very eaſy and general conſtruction of all adfected Equations, not exceeding the Biquadratick Power; from which time I had a very great deſire of of doing the ſame in Numbers. But quickly after, Mr. *Raphſon* ſeem'd in great meaſure to have ſatisfy'd this Deſire, till Mr. *Lagney* by what he had perform'd in his Book, intimated that the thing might be done more compendiouſly yet. Now, my Method is thus.

Let z the root of any Equation, be imagin'd to be compos'd of the parts $a \pm e$, of which, let a be aſſum'd as near z as is poſſible; which is notwithſtanding not *neceſſary*, but only *commodious*. Then from the Quantity $a+e$ or $a-e$, let there be form'd all the Powers of z, found in the Equation, and the Numerical Co-efficients be reſpectively affix'd to them: Then let the Power to be *reſolv'd*, be ſubſtracted from the ſum of the given Parts (in the

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the firſt Column where e is not found) which they call the *Homogeneum Comparationis*, and let the difference be $\mp b$. In the next place, take the ſum of all the Co-efficients of e in the ſecond Column, to which put $= s$. Laſtly, in the third Column let there be put down the ſum of all the Co-efficients of ee, which ſum call t. Then will the Root z ſtand thus in the *Rational Formula*, *viz.* $z = a^{\mathfrak{e}} + \frac{sb}{ss \mp tb}$; and thus in the *Irrational Formula*, *viz.*

$z = a \mp \frac{\frac{1}{2}s \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss \mp bt}}{t}$; which perhaps it may be worth while to Illuſtrate by ſome Examples. And inſtead of an *Inſtrument*, let this *Table* ſerve, which ſhews the Geneſis of the ſeveral Powers of $a \mp e$, and if need be, may eaſily be continued farther; which for its uſe I may rightly call a *General Analytical Speculum.* The forementioned Powers ariſing from a continual Multiplication by $a \mp e$ $(= z)$ come out thus with their adjoyned Co-efficients. *See the Table.* But now, if it be $a - e = z$, the Table is compos'd of the ſame Members, only the odd Powers of e, as e, e^3, e^5, e^7 are Negative, and the even Powers, as e^2, e^4, e^6, Affirmative. Alſo let the ſum of the Co-efficients of the ſide e, be $= s$; the ſum of the Co-efficients of the Square $ee = t$, the ſum of the Co-efficint of $e^7 = u$; of $e^8 = w$; of $e^9 = x$; of $e^{10} = y$, &c. But now, ſince e is ſuppoſed only a ſmall part of the Root that is to be enquir'd, all the Powers of e, will be much leſs than the correſpondent Powers of a, and ſo far the

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the first Hypothesis; all the superior ones may be rejected; and forming a new Equation, by substituting $a \pm e = z$, we shall have (as was said) $\pm b = + se \pm ree$. The following Examples will make this more clear.

Example I.

Let the Equation $z^4 - 3z^2 + 75z = 10000$, be propos'd. For the first Hypothesis, let $a = 10$, and so we have this Equation,

$$\begin{array}{l} z^4 = +a^4\ 4a^3e + 6a^2e^2\ 4ae^3 + e^4 \\ -dz^2 = -da^2\ dae - de^2 \\ +cz = +ca\ ce \\ = +10000\ 4000e + 600ee\ 40e^3 + e^4 \\ \quad -300\ \ 60e - 3ee \\ \quad +750\ \ 75e \\ \quad -10000 \end{array}$$

$$\underbrace{+450}_{s} - \underbrace{4015e}_{t} + \underbrace{597ee}_{u} - 40e^3 + e^4 = 0$$

The Signs + and − with respect to the Quantities e and e^3, are left as Doubtful, till it be known whether e be Negative or Affirmative; which thing creates some difficulty, since that in Equations that have several Roots, the *Homogenea Comparationis* (as they term them) are oftentimes encreased by the minute quantity a, and on the contrary, *that* being increased, *they* are diminished. But the Sign of e is determin'd from the Sign of the Quantity b. For taking away the *Resolvend* from the *Homogeneal* formed of a; the Sign of se (and consequently of the prevailing Parts in the composition of it) will always be con-

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trary to the Sign of the difference b. Whence 'twill be plain, whether it must be $+e$, or $-e$; and consequently whether a be taken greater or less than the *True Root*. Now the quantity e is $=\frac{1}{2}s-\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{4}ss-bt}{t}}$, when b and t have the same Sign, but when the Signs are different, e is $=\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{4}ss+bt}{t}}-\frac{1}{2}s$. But after it is found that it will be $-e$, let the Powers e, e^3, and e^5, *&c.* in the affirmative Members of the Equation be made Negative, and in the Negative be made Affirmative; that is, let them be written with the contrary Sign. On the other hand, if it be $+e$ (let those forementionn'd Powers) be made Affirmative in the Affirmative, and Negative in the Negative Members of the Equation.

Now we have in this Example of ours, 10450 instead of the Resolvend 10000, or $b=+450$, whence it's plain, that a is taken greater than the Truth, and consequently, that 'tis $-e$. Hence the Equation comes to be, $10450-4015e+597ee-4e^3+e^4=10000$. That is, $450-4015e+597ee=0$; and so $450=4015e-597ee$, or $b=se-tee$, whose Root $e=\frac{1}{2}s-\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{4}ss-bt}{t}}$, or $\frac{s}{2t}-\sqrt{\frac{ss}{4tt}-\frac{b}{t}}$; that is in the present case, $e=\frac{2007\frac{1}{2}-\sqrt{3761406\frac{1}{4}}}{597}$, from whence we have the Root sought, 9, 886, which is near the Truth. But then substituting this for a second

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cond Supposition, there comes $a+e=z$, most accurately 9, 886260393649 5 .... scarce exceeding the Truth by 2 in the last Figure, *viz.* when $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss+bt}-\frac{1}{2}s=e$. And this (if need be) may be yet much farther verified, by substracting (if it be $+e$) the quantity $\frac{\frac{1}{2}ue^3+\frac{1}{8}e^4}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss+tb}}$, from the Root before found; or (if it be $-e$) by adding $\frac{\frac{1}{2}ue^3-\frac{1}{8}e^4}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss-tb}}$ to that Root. Which Compendium is so much the more Valuable, in that sometimes from the first Supposition alone, but always from the second, a Man may continue the Calculus (keeping the same Coefficients) as far as he pleases. It may be noted, that the fore-mentioned Equation, has also a Negative Root, *viz.* $z=10,26$.... which any one that has a mind, may determin more accurately.

Example II.

Suppose $z^3-17z+54z=350$, and let $a=10$. Then according to the prescript of the Rule,

$$+z^3=a^3+3a^2e+3ae^2+e^3$$
$$-17z^2=-17a^2-34ae-17e^2$$
$$+54z=54a+54e$$

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That is, $\overset{b}{+1000}\overset{s}{+300e}\overset{t}{+30e^2+e^3}$
$-1700-340e-17e^2$
$+540+54e$
-350

Or, $-510+14e+13ee+e^3=0$. Now, since we have -510, it is plain, that a is assumed less than the Truth, and consequently that e is Affirmative. And from (the Equation) $510=14e+13e^2$, comes $e=\frac{\sqrt{bt+\frac{1}{4}ss}-\frac{1}{2}s}{t}=$

$\frac{\sqrt{6679}-7}{13}$. Whence $z=15,7\ldots$, which is too much, because of a taken wide; therefore Secondly, let $a=15$, and by the like way of Reasoning, we shall find $e=\frac{\frac{1}{2}s-\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss-tb}}{t}$

$=\frac{109\frac{1}{2}-\sqrt{11710_4}}{28}$, and consequently $z=$ 14,954068. If the Operation were to be repeated the third time, the Root will be found conformable to the Truth as far as the 25th Figure; but he that is contented with fewer, by writing $tb+te^3$ instead of tb, or substracting or adding $\frac{\frac{1}{2}e^3}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss+tb}}$ to the Root before found, will presently obtain his end. Note, the Equation proposed, is not explicable by any other Root, because the *Resolvend* 350, is greater than the Cube of $\frac{17}{3}$, or $\frac{d}{3}$.

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Example III.

Let us take the Equation $z^4-80z^3+1998z^2-14937z+5000=0$, which Dr. *Wallis* uses Cap. 62 of his *Algebra*, in the Resolution of a very difficult Arithmetical Problem where by *Vieta*'s Method he has obtain'd the root most accurately; and Mr. *Raphson* brings it also as an Example of his Method, Page 25, 26. Now this Equation is of the form, which may have several Affirmative Roots, and (which increases the difficulty) the *Coefficients* are very great in respect of the *Resolvend* given.

But that it may be the easier manag'd, let it be divided, and acccording to the known Rules of *Pointing*, let $-z^4+8z^3-20z^2+15z=0,5$ (where the quantity z is $\frac{1}{10}$ of z in the Equation proposed) and for the first Suppofition, let $a=1$. Then $+e^2-5e-2e^2+4e^3-e^4-0,5=0$; that is, $1\frac{1}{2}=5e+2ee$; hence $e=\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss+bt}-\frac{1}{2}\frac{s}{t}$ is $=\sqrt{37}-5$, and so

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$z=1,27$; Whence 'tis manifest that 12, 7 is near the true Root of the Equation proposed. Now Secondly, let us suppose $z=12,7$, and then according to the directions of the Table of Powers, there arises

b $\qquad$ s $\qquad$ t $\qquad$ u

$-26014,4641-8193,532e-967,74e^2-50,8e^3-e^4$
$+163870,640+38709,60e+3048\ e^2+80\ e^3$
$-322257,42-50749,2\ e-1998\ e^2$
$+189699,9\ +14937,\ e$
$=\ 5999.$

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That is, $+298,6559-5296,132e+82,26e^2+29,2e^3-e^4=0$; And so $-298,6559=-5296,132e+82,26ee$, whose Root e (according to the Rule) $=\frac{\frac{1}{2}s-\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss-bt}}{t}$ comes to

$$\frac{2648,066-\sqrt{6987686,106022}}{82,26}=$$

$,056440803\ldots=e$ less than the Truth. But that it may be corrected, 'tis to be consider'd that $\frac{\frac{1}{2}te^3-\frac{1}{2}e^4}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss-bt}}$, or $\frac{,0026201\ldots}{2643,423\ldots}$ is $,00000099$, and consequently e corrected, is $=,056447044\overline{8}$. And if you desire yet more Figures of the Root, from the e corrected let there be made $tee^3-te^4=0,431056024\ldots$, and $\frac{\frac{1}{2}s-\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss-bt-tee^3+te^4}}{t}$ or which is all one,

$$\frac{2648,066-\sqrt{6987685,674965975\overline{77}\ldots}}{82,26}=$$

$,056441794480744\overline{02}=e$; whence $a+e=z$ the Root is most accurately $12,756441794480744\overline{02}\ldots$ as Dr. *Wallis* found in the forementioned Place; where it may be observ'd, that the repetition of the *Calculus* does ever triple the true Figures in the assumed a, which the first correction, or $\frac{\frac{1}{2}te^3-\frac{1}{2}e^4}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}ss-bt}}$, does quintuple; which is also commodiously done by the *Logarithms*. But the other Correction after

after the first, does also double the number of Figures, so that it renders the *assumed* altogether Seven-fold; yet the first Correction is abundantly sufficient for Arithmetical uses, for the most part.

But as to what is said concerning the number of Places rightly taken in the Root, I would have understood so, that when a is but $\frac{1}{1}$ part distant from the true Root, then the first Figure is rightly assumed; if it be within $\frac{1}{100}$ part, then the two first Figures are rightly assumed; if within $\frac{1}{1000}$, and then the three first are so; which consequently manag'd according to our Rule, do presently become nine Figures.

It remains now that I add something concerning our *Rational Formula*, viz. $e = \frac{sb}{ss+tb}$ which seems expeditious enough, and is not much Inferior to the former since it will triple the given Number of Places. Now having formed an Equation from $a \pm e = z$, as before, it will presently appear, whether a be taken greater or less than the Truth; since se ought always to have a Sign contrary to the Sign of the difference of the *Resolvend*, and its *Homogeneal* produced from a. Then supposing $+b+se+a-tee = o$, the Divisor is $ss-tb$, as often as t and b have the same Signs; but it is $ss+bt$, when they have different ones. But it seems most commodious for Practice, to write the Theorem thus, $e = \frac{b}{s} + \frac{tb}{s}$ since this way the thing is done by one Multiplication and two Divisions, which otherwise would require three Multiplications, and one Divi-

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Let us take now one Example of this Method, from the Root (of the foremention'd Equation) 12,7...., where

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 298, & 6559 & - 5296, & 132e & +82, & 26ee \\ & +b & - s & & +t & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} +29, \\ +u \end{array}$$

$2e^3 - e^4 = o$, and so $\frac{b}{s} - \frac{tb}{s} = e$; that is, let it be as s to t, so b to $\frac{tb}{s} = 5296,132)298,6559$ into 82,26 (4, 63875... wherefore the Divisor is $s - \frac{tb}{s} = 5291,49325.....)298,6559$ (0, 056441..... $= e$, that is, to five true Figures, added to the Root that was taken. But this *Formula* cannot be corrected, as the foregoing *Irrational* one was; and so if more Figures of the Root are desired, 'tis the best to make a new Supposition, and repeat the *Calculus* again: And then a new Quotient, tripling the known Figures of the Root, will abundantly satisfie even the most Scrupulous.

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A Dissertation concerning the Construction of Solid Problems, or Equations of the third or fourth Power, by the help of one (given) Parabola and a Circle.

By Edmund Halley.

HOw all Equations (that involve the third or fourth Power of the unknown Quantity) may be constructed by the help of any given *Parabola* and a *Circle*, the Famous *M. Des Cartes* has shewn and clearly demonstrated in the Third Book of his *Geometry*. But he first of all orders the second Term of the Equation (if it be there) to be thrown out, and then by the Rule there delivered, to find the Roots of the Equation so reduced.

And since that Operation seems too Laborious, some thought fit to invent a like Construction, without any previous Reduction. Amongst whom *Francis a Schooten* has offer'd a Method (for constructing cubical Equations howsoever affected) which might have been called very easie and simple; if (by unfolding the Principle from whence he deduced his Rule) he had better consulted his Reader's Memory, which he burdens with very many and perplex'd Cautions. But lately our Famous Countriman, Mr. *Thomas Baker*, in a whole Treatise written upon these Constructions,

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tions, has comprehended not only all Cubical, but also Biquadratical Equations of every kind, under one General Rule, which he has demonstrated, and abundantly Illustrated with Examples through all Cases; and moreover at the Close, propos'd a way, by which that General Rule might be Investigated. But he does not shew the very Method, by the help of which (as I suspect) he obtain'd his *Universal Geometrical Clavis*, or at least might have obtain'd it with much more ease. And since this Rule of *Baker*'s is no less perplex'd with Cautions about the Signs + and − than *Schooten*'s is, so that a Person can hardly perform those Constructions aright, without he has the Book by him; I thought that it wou'd not be either Unpleasant or Unprofitable to young Students, to explain the Foundations of both Rules, and by some emendation of the Method once more, to afford as much light as I cou'd in so difficult a Matter. *Cartesius*'s Construction (which does very easily discover the Roots of all Cubick or Biquadratick Equations, where the second Term is wanting) may be suppos'd as known. Yet since 'tis the main bottom, on which all that follows does depend; that this Dissertation may not seem to want a principal Part, I'll here add the Rule taken out of his Geometry, altering some few things (as I think) for the better.

The second Term being out of the Equation, all cubical Equations, are reduced to this Form, $z^3 \ast . apz . aaq = o$; and Biquadratical ones to this Form, $z^4 . \ast . apzz . aaqz . a^3r = o$, where a denotes the *Latus Rectum* of any given Parabola, which is used in the Con-

Construction. Or else taking *a* for Unity, those Equations are reduced to these Forms, *viz.* Cub. $z^3 . \ast p\ z . q = o$, and Biquadr. $z^4 \ast pzz . qz . r = o$. Now the *Parabola* FAG, *Fig.* 9 being given, whose Axis is ACDKL, and Parameter $= a$ or 1; let AC be taken $= \frac{1}{2} a$, and be set off always from the Vertex *A*, towards the inner parts of the Figure. Then take CD $\frac{1}{2} p$, in that Line AC, continued towards C, if it be $-p$ in the Equation, or towards the contrary Point, if it be $+p$. Farther, from the point *D* (or from the point *C*, if the quantity *p* be not in the Equation) Let DE (erected perpendicular to the Axis) be made $= q$ which is to be set to the right hand if it be $-q$, but to the other side of the Axis if it be $+q$. And then a Circle described on the Center E, which the Radius AE (if the Equation be but a *Cubical* one) will intersect the *Parabola* in as many Points (*viz.* F, G, G,) as the Equation has *True* Roots, of which the Affirmative ones, as GK, shall on the right side of the Axis, and the Negative ones as FL, on the *Left*. But if the Equation be a Biquadratical one, then the Radius of the Circle AE, by adding (if it be $-r$) or Subtracting (if it be $+r$) from the Square of it, the Rect-angle $a \times r$, or the *content* under the Parameter, and the given Quantity *r*; which is very easily done Geometrically. And the Intersections of this Circle with the Parabola, will give (letting fall Perpendiculars from thence to the Axis) all the *true* Roots of the Biquadratical Equation; the *Affirmative* ones being on the *Right* side of the Axis, and the *Negative* ones, on the *Left*. The de-

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monstration of all which I leave to *Cartesius* the Inventor. Let it be Noted, that I endeavour here that the *Affirmative* Roots, may always be had on the *Right* side of the Axis, to avoid the Confusion that will necessarily arise from a multitude of Cautions, where the reason of them is not evident.

Having premised these things, in order to make way for the construction of these Equations, even when the second Term is found in them, we are to consider the Rule it self for taking away the second Term, and reducing the Equation to another, such as might be constructed by the foregoing Method. Now all Cubick Equations of this Classis, are reduced to this form, $z^3 \; bzz. \; apz. \; aaq = o$, or to this, $z^3 \div bz^2 . *. \; aaq = o$. Biquadratick ones may be reduc'd to this, $z^4 . bz^3 . apz^2 . \; aaqz. \; a^3r = o$, or this, $z^4 .$ or this $z^4 . bz^3 . *. \; aaqz. \; a^3r = o$, or this, $z^4 . \; bz^3 . \; apz^2 . *. a^3r = o$, or lastly, to this Form, $z^4 . bz^3 *. *. \; a^3r = o$. From all which there arises a great Variety, according as the Signs $+$ or $-$ are diversly connected together; and hence the General Rule serving all these cases, is rendred very obscure and difficult, unless (manag'd by the help of the following Method) it be cleared up and delivered from those Intricacies.

The second Term in Biquadratical Equations, is taken away by putting $x = z + \frac{1}{4}b$, if it be $+b$ in the Equation; or $x = z - \frac{1}{4}b$, if it be $-b$. Hence $x - \frac{1}{4}b$ in the first case, and $x + \frac{1}{4}b$ in the second, is $= z$; and so in any Equation proposed, substituting instead of z, its Equal, there will come forth a new Equation, wanting the second Term, all whose Roots x

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do exceed, or come short of the *sought* Root z, by the given difference $\frac{1}{2}b$. But since in things of this kind, Examples do more than Precepts, let us propose one or two Equations to be constructed.

Example I.

$z^4 + bz^3 - apzz - aaqz + a^3r = o.$

put $x - \frac{1}{2}b = z$, and then will

$x^2 - \frac{1}{2}bx + \frac{1}{16}bb = z^2.$

$x^3 - \frac{3}{4}x^2b + \frac{3}{16}xb^2 - \frac{1}{64}b^3 = z^3.$ and

$x^4 - bx^3 + \frac{3}{8}b^2x^2 - \frac{1}{16}b^3x + \frac{1}{256}b^4 = z^4.$

Hence it follows, that

$x^4 - bx^3 + \frac{3}{8}b^2x^2 - \frac{1}{16}b^3x + \frac{1}{256}b^4 = z^4.$

$bx^3 - \frac{3}{4}b^2x^2 + \frac{3}{16}b^3x - \frac{1}{64}b^4 = +bz^3$

$- apx^2 + \frac{1}{2}apbx - \frac{1}{16}apb^2 = - apz^2$

$- a^2qx + \frac{1}{4}a^2qb = - a^2qz$

$+ a^3r$

The Sum of all these is a new Equation wanting the second Term, and which consequently may be constructed by *Cartes*'s Rule, by taking instead of $\frac{1}{2}p$, half the Coefficient of the third Term, divided by a or the Parameter, that is $-\frac{3}{16}\frac{bb}{a} - \frac{1}{2}p$; and instead of $\frac{1}{2}q$, half the Coefficient of the fourth Term, divided by aa, that is, $+\frac{1}{16}\frac{b^3}{a^2} + \frac{1}{4}\frac{pb}{a} - \frac{1}{2}q$. The

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Members of which that have the Sign + are to be set off to the *left Hand* from the Axis, and those that have the Sign − to the *Right*; in order to find the Center of the Circle required for Construction, whose Intersections with the Parabola (letting fall perpendiculars to the Axis) may give all the true Roots x, namely, the *Affirmative* ones on the Right side of the Axis, and the *Negative* ones on the *Left*. But now, when $x - \frac{1}{2}b = z$, then drawing a Line Parallel to the Axis on the right side of it, and at the distance of $\frac{1}{2}b$, the Perpendiculars terminated on this Parallel, will denote all the enquired Roots z, the *Affirmative* ones on the right side, and the *Negative* ones on the Left. As for what relates to the Radius of the Circle, it is had, by adding the Negative, or taking away the Affirmative parts of the fifth Term divided by aa, from the Square of the Line AE, drawn from the Center E found, to A the Vortex of the Parabola; which is mostly done, by taking instead of AE, the Line EO which is terminated at O the Intersection of the Parabola, and the fore-mentioned Parallel; for the Square of this comprehends all the parts of the fifth Term, brought into the new Equation upon the casting out of the second Term, as is easily proved: And it remains only, that the Square of EO be increased, if it be $-r$, in the Equation, or diminish'd, if it be $+r$, by the addition or substraction of the Rectangle ar; from whence the Radius of the Circle desired, is compos'd. This Method of investigating M. *Baker*'s central Rule, is easie and free from all Cautions; and the difference arises only

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ly from hence, that *I determin the center of the Circle, by the Axis, and he by a Parallel to the Axis; and that I always have four Affirmative Roots on the right side the Axis, which he has sometimes on the right side, and sometimes on the left.*

As for cubical Equations, they are to be reduc'd to Biquadratical ones, before they can be constructed by the same General Rule; which is done by multiplying the Equation propos'd by its Root z, whence arises a Biquadratick Equation, in which the last Term or r, is wanting. Wherefore taking away the second Term, and finding the Center E, the line E O is the Radius of the Circle; *viz.* When ar is $= o$, and the whole fifth Term in the new Equation, arises from the taking away of the second Term. Let this Equation be propos'd to be constructed.

Example II.

$$z^3 - bz^2 + apz + aaq = o,$$

which multiply'd into z, becomes

$$z^4 - bz^3 + apz^2 + aaqz = o.$$

To take away the second Term, put $x + \frac{1}{4}b = z$, and then will

$$\begin{aligned} x^4 + bx^3 + \tfrac{3}{8}bbx^2 + \tfrac{1}{16}b^3x + \tfrac{1}{256}b^4 &= +z^4 \\ -bx^3 - \tfrac{3}{4}b^2x^2 - \tfrac{5}{16}b^3x - \tfrac{1}{64}b^4 &= -bz^3 \\ +apx^2 + \tfrac{1}{8}abpx + \tfrac{1}{16}apb^2 &= +apz^2 \\ +aaqx + \tfrac{1}{4}aaqb &= +aaqz. \end{aligned}$$

Now in this new Equation, the half Coefficient (of the third Term) divided by a, *viz.* $-\frac{3bb}{16a} + \frac{1}{8}p$, is to be used instead of $\frac{1}{8}p$; and the

the half Coefficient of the (fourth Term) divided by a^4, the Square of the *Latus Rectum*, *viz.* $\frac{b^3}{16a^4} + \frac{pb}{4a^2} + \frac{1}{2}q$, is instead of $\frac{1}{2}q$ in *Carteſius*'s Conſtruction, from whence the Center *E* is determin'd. Then drawing a Parallel to the Axis, at the diſtance $\frac{1}{4}b$, to the left ſide (becauſe of $z = x + \frac{1}{4}b$) whoſe Interſection with the Parabola, let be *O*; a Circle deſcribed on the Center E with the Radius EO, will cut or touch the Parabola in as many Points as the Equation has true Roots, which Roots, or *z*, are the Perpendiculars let fall from thoſe Points upon the Parallel to the Axis, the Affirmative ones to the Right ſide, and the Negatives to the Left. If the third or fourth Term, or both, be wanting in the Equation, there's no difference at all (of the Method of inveſtigating the Central Rule) to be obſerv'd. But the Quantity *p* or *q* being wanting, thoſe parts of the Lines CD and DE (in ſome manner deduced from that Quantity) will be wanting too, and we are to proceed with the other Coefficients of the third and fourth Term in the new Equation, according to the way preſcrib'd in the foregoing Examples.

Hitherto we have conſider'd Mr. *Baker*'s General Method, than which none more Eaſie and Expeditious is to be expected, uſing either a Parabola, or any other Curve for a Conſtruction, *viz.* when the Equation riſes to the Biquadratick Power. For while I am writing of this, 'tis my good Luck to hit upon a certain *Geometrick Effection* of the central Rule, which is Expeditious beyond Hope, and will abun-

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abundantly satisfy those that are curious in these Matters.

(*Fig.* 10.) Having described the Parabola NAM, whose Vertex is *A*, Axis ABC, and Parameter *a*; let the Equation be reduced to this Form, $z^4 \mp bz^3 \mp apz^2 \mp aaqz \mp a^3r = 0$, or if it be only a Cubical one, to this, $z^3 \mp bz^2 \mp apz \mp aaq = 0$. Then at the distance $BD = \frac{1}{4}b$, let DH be drawn parallel to the Axis (to the Left Hand if it be $-b$, and to the Right, if it be $+b$) meeting the Parabola in the point *D*, from whence let fall BD perpendicular to the Axis. In the Line AB continued towards *B*, make $BK = \frac{1}{2}a$, and draw the Line DK interminate on either side. Farther, take $KC = 2AB$, always in the Axis produced beyond *K*; and if the quantity *p* has the Sign $-$, take towards the same parts, $CE = \frac{1}{2}p$, but towards the contrary part, if it be $+p$. Then at the point *E* (but at the point *C* if the quantity be wanting) erect EF perpendicular to the Axis, meeting (if need be) the Line DK produced, in the point *F*, which point is the Center of the Circle required, if the quantity *q* be wanting. But if *q* be in the Equation, then we must take in the Line FE (if need be) produced the length of $FG = \frac{1}{2}q$, which place to the Left Hand if it be $+q$, but to the Right if it be $-q$; and then the point *G* will be the Center of the Circle required for the Construction, and the Radius of it, will be the Line GD, if the quantity *r* be wanting, that is, if the Equation be only a Cubical one; the Square of which same Line (in Biquadratick Equations) is to be encreased

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by the addition of the Rectangle under r and the Latus Rectum, if it be $-r$, or to be diminished by the same Rectangle if it be $+r$. The Circle thus describ'd, and Perpendiculars let fall from its Intersections with the Parabola, to the Line D H, those that are at the Left Hand as N O will always be the Negative Roots of the Equation, and those at the Right, the Affirmative.

Cubick Equations are otherwise (and something more simply) constructed according to *Schooten*'s Rule, in which also the Roots respect the Axis. But because the Inventor himself does neither explain the Investigation nor Demonstration, it will not be amiss to shew the Foundation of it here, and at the same time render the Geometrick Construction more Elegant, and rid it of those *Cautions* in which 'tis involv'd.

This Rule is deriv'd from hence, that every Cubick Equation may be reduced to a Biquadratick one, in which the second Term is wanting. Which is done, by multiplying the Equation proposed into $z-b=o$, if it be $+b$ in the Equation, or into $z+b=o$, if it be $-b$; and the new Equation thus form'd will have the same Roots with the Cubical one, and moreover another Equal to $-b$, if it be $-b$ in the Equation, or contrariwise.

Let the Equation $z^3 - z^2 b + apz + aaq = o$, be proposed to be constructed; multiply this into $z+b$, and it makes

$$z^4 - z^2 b + apz^2 + aaqz$$
$$+ z^3 b - bbz^2 + abpz + aaqb$$

Here now the second Term is wanting, and the

the Coefficient of the third Term $-bb+ap$, gives $-\frac{bb}{2a}+\frac{1}{2}p$, in the room of $\frac{1}{2}p$ or C D in *Cartesius*'s Construction; and from half the Coefficient of the fourth Term is made $\frac{1}{2}q+\frac{bp}{2a}$, instead of $\frac{1}{2}q$ or D E, and so the Center of the Circle sought is determin'd. Also because one of the Roots of the new Equation, *viz.* $+b$ is given, a point in the Circumference will be given too, and consequently the Radius. Lastly, Having describ'd the Circle, Perpendiculars let fall from its Intersections with the Parabola, to the Axis, will give the Roots of the Equation, both Affirmative and Negative, in the same manner as before.

Now the Center of the Circle is found by a most easy Construction, and which is to be preferr'd to all others, in Cubick Equations.

Fig. 11. Let *A* be the Vertex, and AF the Axis of the describ'd Parabola AMD; at a distance equal to *b* let DK be drawn parallel to the Axis, to the Right Hand if it be $+b$ in the Equation, and to the Left, if it be $-b$; which Line suppose to meet the Parabola in the point *D*. Upon the Centers *D* and *A*, and with equal Radij, describe on both sides two occult Arches, intersecting one another; and thro' those points of Intersection draw the interminate Line B C which cuts the imaginary Line A D in the middle and at right Angles, and meets the

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Axis in *E*. From *E* set off $EF = \frac{1}{2}p$, downwards, if it be $-p$ in the Equation, but upwards towards *A* if it be $+p$; then at the point *F* (or *E*, if *p* be wanting) erect the Perpendicular F G, meeting the Line B C in *G*, and in G F produced take $GH = \frac{1}{2}q$, to the Right Hand, if it be $-q$ in the Equation, but to the Left, if $+q$. Then will the point *H* be the Center, and H D the Radius of the Circle sought, which (letting fall Perpendiculars to the Axis from its Intersections with the Parabola) will shew all the Roots (as L M) of the Equation. And how this Construction follows from what went before, is evident enough of it self, so that there is no need of insisting any farther upon the Demonstration of it.

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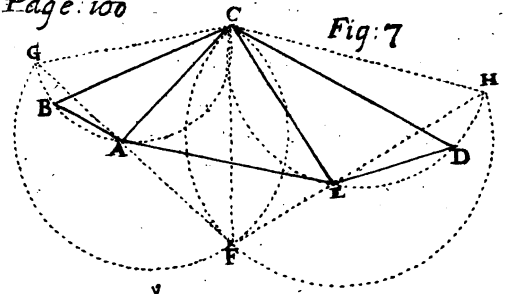

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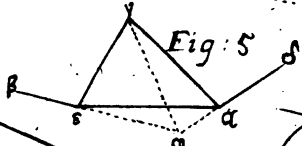

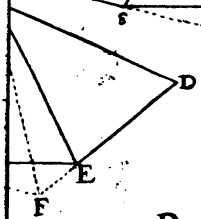

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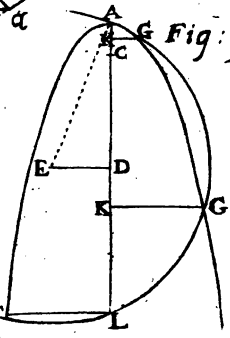

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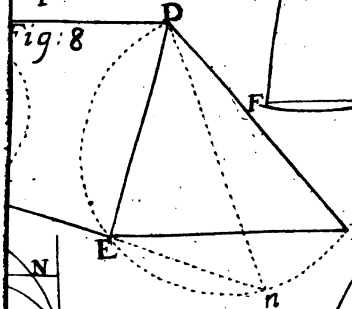

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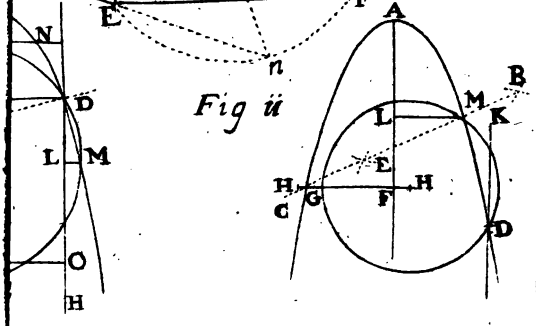

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A Diſcourſe concerning the Number of Roots, in Solid and Biquadratical Equations, as alſo of the Limits of them.

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HAving in the precedent Diſcourſe ſhewn a Method, by which ſolid Problems however affected, might be conſtructed after a moſt ſimple and eaſy manner, by the help of one given Parabola and a Circle; towards the latter end a certain pleaſant Speculation offer'd it ſelf, namely, that from theſe Conſtructions, the *Number* of Roots in any Equation, with their *Limits* and *Sines*, would eaſily follow and be determin'd. Upon which account, I promis'd that I would quickly write a ſhort Diſſertation concerning this Subject, in which I was perſwaded I ſhould perform ſomething not unprofitable nor ungrateful (if not to the Geometers of the firſt, yet at leaſt) to thoſe of the ſecond Rank.

But coming to look nearer into the Buſineſs, I found I was imprudently fallen in among ſome of the profound Difficulties of Geometry, and deſtin'd to handle the ſame Things, that formerly employ'd the Pains of two Illuſtrious Men, *Harriot* and *Cartes*;

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in which they either of them (by a like Fate tho' in a different way) committed a Paralogism, perhaps the only one in all their Geometrical Writings; as shall be afterwards prov'd. Wherefore being sensible, as well of the Difficulty, as the Excellency of the Subject, I resolv'd to apply to it strenuously, that I might not be thought unable to perform my Promises, and that so noble part of Geometry, and so little cultivated, might not lie any longer wrapt up in Darkness, but be render'd plain and intelligible by these few Lucubrations of mine. But first the Reader must take notice, that while he sets to the Reading of this, he ought to have the foremention'd Dissertation (*No.* 188.) at hand by him, and to understand the Constructions there delivered very well; because those things that follow do chiefly depend upon them, neither are they to be here repeated again.

It is plain from *Carteſius*, and what was there said, that both in *Cubick* and *Biquadratick* Equations, the Roots may be expounded by Perpendiculars let fall, upon the Axis or given Diameter of the given Parabola, from the Intersections of that Curve with a Circle. And whereas when a Circle intersects a Parabola, it must necessarily do so, either in four or in two points; it's manifest, that in *Biquadraticks* there must always be, either two or four true Roots, *Affirmative* or *Negative*; as also if the Circle happens to touch it, in which case the equality of two Roots of the *same Sign*, is concluded. But in *Cubick* Equations, because one of the Intersections

tersections is requir'd to the Construction, therefore either but one, or the three remaining Roots, do denote one or three; as in the case of Contact; whence its plain, that there are found two equal Roots, and that the Problem from whence the Equation results, is really *Plain.*

Therefore all *Cubick* Equations however affected, are explicable by one, or by three Roots, which are always *possible*, that is, if we admit *Negative* Roots for *true* ones. So Biquadraticks whose last Term r is affected with the Sign $-$, are explicable by two or four; but if it be $+r$ in the Equation, and it be so great that $\sqrt{GD\,q - ar}$ (See *Fig.* 10.) be less than that the Circle describ'd with that Radius and on the Center G, can touch the Parabole in any point; the given Equation is altogether impossible, nor is it explicable by any Affirmative or Negative Root; but more of this in the following Pages.

Now since there is so great a difference between the Cases of Cubick and Biquadratick Equations, that they cannot be comprehended together, we will first of all handle the Cubicks, and then the others. The Cubicks are constructed by an Infinite Number of Circles in a given Parabola; but the Biquadraticks by one alone (*at least by these Methods*) and that because, putting z (or any Indeterminate) equal to nothing, the Cubick Equation is reduced to a Biquadratick having the same Roots with the Cubick, and besides that, another Root equal to z, whence it comes to pass that the Cubick Equation

may be constructed by as many different Circles, as you can imagine Quantities e, that is, an infinite Number. But among all these, that which I gave before, is the easiest. Yet there is another not much inferior to this, which seems better accommodated to the designs of determining the *Number* of the Roots, and their *Limits*; and which arises from the taking away of the second Term, by putting after the common way $x = z \mp$ or $- \frac{1}{3}b$ of the Coefficient of the second Term. Now this way is thus: The Parabola ABY (*Fig.* 13.) being given, whose Vertex is A, its Axis AE, and *Latus Rectum* a, let the Equation be reduced to the usual Form, *viz.* $z^3, bz^2 . apz, aaq. = o$. Then at the distance of $\frac{1}{3}b$ let there be drawn BK (parallel to the Axis, to the Right Hand if it $+ b$, otherwise to the Left) which meets the Parabola in B; and let the Line DP interminate on both sides, be erected perpendicular to the suppos'd Line AB, meeting the Axis in the point G. From the point B, let fall the Perpendicular BC, and let GE be always made equal to AC, and be set off towards the lower parts. From E set off $EH = \frac{1}{3}p$, upwards if it be $+ p$ in the Equation, but downwards if $- p$; and from the point H, (or E, if the quantity p be wanting) let the Perpendicular HQ be drawn out, meeting the interminate Line DP in O. Lastly, in the interminate Line HQ, make $OR = \frac{1}{2}q$, from O to the Right Hand, if it be $- q$, but to the Left, if $+ q$. Then a Circle described on the Center R with the Radius RA, will cut the Parabola in as many points, as the

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Equation propos'd has Roots, and they will be the Perpendiculars ZY, let fall from the Intersections *Y*, to the Line B K parallel to the Axis; of which those that are to the *Right* Hand of the Line BK, are the *Affirmative* ones, and those to the *Left*, the *Negative*.

The conveniency of this Construction, lies in this, that 'tis perform'd by a Circle passing thro' the Vertex, in the same manner as if the second Term had been wanting. And therefore to determine the Number of the Roots, 'tis sufficient to know the Properties of the *Place*, or that Curve Line which distinguishes the Spaces, in which if the Center of the Circle (that passes thro' the Vertex of the Parabola) be placed, the Circumference of it shall intersect the Parabola either in one or in three other points: That is, to define the Nature of that Curve, in which, fall the Centers of all the Circles passing thro' the Vertex, and then touching the Parabola. Now this *Locus*, is that very *Paraboloid*, which the celebrated Dr. *Wallis* calls the *Semicubical*, in which the Cubes of the Ordinates are as the Squares of the correspondent Abscisses. The *Latus Rectum* of which, is $\frac{4}{9}$ of the *Latus Rectum* of the given Parabola, and its Vertex the point U (*Fig.* 12.) the Line AU being half the *Latus Rectum* of the same Parabola. That is, if we put unity for the *Latus Rectum* of the given Parabola, then $\frac{8}{27}$ of the Cube of the ordinate applicate, will = the Square of the intercepted Diameter; or the Cube of $\frac{4}{3}$ VH = the Square of AB, *viz.* if *R* be the Center

Center of the Circle that passes thro' the Vertex of the Parabola, and touches the same afterwards.

This is that Curve which our Countryman Mr. *Neil* (the first of all Mortals) demonstrated to be equal to a given right Line, and by that means obtain'd a Reputation among the principal Geometricians. Its properties have been curiously enquired into, by Dr. *Wallis*, (at the end of his Book of the *Cissoid*) and *Hugenius* (*Prop.* 8 & 9. of his Tract of the *Evolution* of *Curve Lines*) and others, whose Writings the Reader may consult. This Curve describ'd on either side of the Axis of the Parabola (*viz.* VNL, VPX) comprehends a Space, in which if the Center of the Circle (which passes thro' the Vertex *A*) be placed, it will cut the Parabola in three other points. But the Spaces more remote from the Axis, do afford Centers for Circles that will cut the Parabola but in one point besides the Vertex.

These things well understood, we are now prepar'd to determine the Number of the Roots. And first of all, let the second Term be wanting, and let the *Latus Rectum* = 1, or AV = ½. In the Construction VH is = ½ *p*, HR = ½ *q*; and since if it be + *p* in the Equation, ½ *p* is to be set off from *V* towards the upper parts; the Center of the Circle is always found without the Space LVX, and therefore is explicable by one Root only, which is Affirmative if it be − *q*, Negative if + *q*; and these Roots may be investigated by *Cardan*'s Rules. But if it be = *p*, then UH = ½ *p*, is set off towards the lower parts; and it is

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possible that HR may fall between the Axis and the Curve UX or UL, *viz.* if the Cube of $\frac{2}{3}$ UH or of p, be greater than the Square of $\frac{1}{2}q$; that is, if $\frac{1}{27}p^3$ be greater than $\frac{1}{4}q^2$; in which case there are three Roots, two Negative, if it be $-q$, and one Affirmative equal to the sum of the others; but if it be $+q$, then there are two Affirmative ones, and one Negative. But if $\frac{1}{27}p^3$ be less than $\frac{1}{4}q^2$, then there is but one Root, Affirmative if it be $-q$, Negative, if $+q$. All which things are taught by those that have handled this part of Geometry.

Now let all the Terms be in, and first let there be proposed, as an Example, this Equation, $z^3 - z^2 b + zp - q = o$, to which *Fig.* 12, serves. In the Construction of this, we have $BC = \frac{1}{3}b$, $UG = \frac{1}{3}AC = \frac{1}{6}b^2$, $UE = \frac{1}{12}b^2$, $UH = \frac{1}{8}b^2 - \frac{1}{2}p$, $GH = \frac{1}{9}b - \frac{1}{2}p$, or $\frac{1}{2}p - \frac{1}{9}b^2$. Hence $HO = \frac{1}{27}b^3 - \frac{1}{8}bp$, or $\frac{1}{6}bp - \frac{4}{27}b^3$, and HR (that is the distance of the Center of the Circle R from the Axis) is ever the difference between $\frac{1}{6}bp$ and $\frac{1}{27}b^3 + \frac{1}{2}q$, which Expressions if they are equal, then the Center falls in the Axis: If $\frac{1}{6}bp$ be greater than $\frac{1}{27}b^3 + \frac{1}{2}q$, then it falls to the Left Hand of the Axis, if less, then to the Right. If therefore the Square Root of the Cube of $\frac{2}{3}$ UH (that is of $\frac{1}{9}b^2 - \frac{1}{3}p$, or putting $\frac{1}{9}b^2 - \frac{1}{3}p = d$, if $\sqrt{ddd}$) be greater than HR, that is the difference between $\frac{1}{27}b^3 + \frac{1}{2}q$ and $\frac{1}{6}bp$; the Center R will be found within the Space NPU circumscrib'd by the Paraboloids UPX, UNL, and the interminate right Line DNP; and so the Circle will cut the Parabola in three points Y, Y, Y, posited to the Right Hand

Hand of the Line BK, and so the Equation will have three Roots. But the Center being without this Space NUP, it is explicable but by one Affirmative Root. Here it may be noted by the by, that the Right Line DP may touch the Paraboloid UPX in the point *P*, EP being $\frac{1}{27}b^3$; but will cut the other Paraboloid UNL in the point *N*, so that letting fall NF perpendicular to the Axis, UF is $\frac{1}{4}$ EU, or $\frac{1}{24}b^2$, and NF $\frac{1}{108}b^3$. But UW (which being perpendicularly applied to the Axis at the point *U*, meets DP in *W*) is $= \frac{1}{54}b^3$, or $\frac{1}{2}$ EP.

Hence we may safely conclude, that if in the Equation either *p* be greater than $\frac{1}{3}b^2$, or *q* greater than $\frac{1}{27}b^3$, that there will be found but one Root, and that an Affirmative one. *Carte*'s Rule therefore (*Page* 70. Edit. *Amsterd.* 1659.) is not true, in which he determines that there are always as many *true* Roots, as there are changes of the Sines + and — in the Equation: *Schooten* in his Commentaries vainly endeavouring the defence of this Mistake. Also *Prop.* 5. Sect. 5. of our Country-man *Harriot*'s *Ars Analytice* (as also *Prob.* 18. of *Vieta*'s *Numer. Potest. Retol.*) is hardly sound; since from the Limitations which they have there set down, that must agree to the whole Parallelogram PIUW, which we have prov'd does agree only to the Space NUP; that is to afford a Center to the Circle intersecting the Parabola in three other points besides the Vertex.

But the quantity *q* or the last Term (*b* and *p* being given, so that *p* be less than $\frac{1}{3}b^2$)

$\frac{1}{3} b^2$) is exactly limitted from the foregoing

Equation $\sqrt{ddd} = \frac{1}{27} b^3 + \frac{1}{2} q \infty \frac{1}{6} bp$; *viz.* when the Circle touches the Parabola. Therefore $\frac{1}{2} q$ ought to be less than $\frac{1}{6} bp - \frac{1}{27} b^3 + \sqrt{d^3}$; but if p be greater than $\frac{1}{4} b^2$, also $\frac{1}{2} q$ ought to be bigger than $\frac{1}{6} bp - \frac{1}{27} b^3 - \sqrt{d^3}$, that the Center may not fall in the little Space NUW. And with these Conditions the Equation will always be explicable by three Roots; otherwise but by one. But whether there be three or one, they are always Affirmative ones, because of the position of the Center R to the Right Hand of the Line DP.

And this is the most difficult Case; so that those that well understand what has gone before, will without any trouble take what comes after. Now let the Equation $z^3 - bz^2 + pz + q = o$, be given. Here (that there may be three Roots had) the Center of the Circle ought to be found somewhere within the Space PNΔ, determin'd by the right Lines PN, PΔ, and the Curve of the Parabola NΔ; wherefore since EF is $= \frac{1}{8} bb$, p ought to be less than $\frac{1}{4} bb$. Now for the determination of the quantity q, d being $= \frac{1}{9} b^2 - \frac{1}{3} p$ as before, $\sqrt{d^3} + \frac{1}{27} b^3 - \frac{1}{6} bp$ ought always to be greater than $\frac{1}{2} q$, that so the Center of the Circle may be posited in the forementioned Space PNΔ; which when 'tis so, such an Equation has two Affirmative Roots, and one Negative. But if p be greater than $\frac{1}{3} bb$, or $\frac{1}{2} q$ greater than $\sqrt{d^3} + \frac{1}{27} b^3 - \frac{1}{6} bp$; it is explicable but by one (and that a Negative) Root.

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Let the Equation $z^3 = bz^2 - pz - q = o$, be proposed in the next place. That this Equation may have three Roots, the Center of the Circle must be found somewhere in the indefinite Space between the right Line D P D and the Curve of the Paraboloid PX. The quantity p is not here liable to Limitations; but $\frac{1}{2}q$ ought always to be less than $\sqrt{d^3} - \frac{1}{27}b^3 - \frac{1}{6}bp$, supposing d to be $= \frac{1}{9}b^2 + \frac{1}{3}p$. By this means, there are two Negative Roots afforded, and one Affirmative; but otherwise, if $\frac{1}{2}q$ be greater than $\sqrt{d^3} - \frac{1}{27}b^3 - \frac{1}{6}bp$, the Equation is explicable by one only (Affirmative) Root.

Fourthly, Let the Equation $z^3 - bz - pz + q = o$, be proposed, which has two Affirmative Roots, and one Negative, if the Center of the Circle be found in the indefinite Space between the right Lines PΔ, PD, and the Curve of the Paraboloid ΔL; that is, (putting $d = \frac{1}{9}bb + \frac{1}{3}p$) if $\frac{1}{2}q$ be less than $\sqrt{d^3} + \frac{1}{27}b^3 + \frac{1}{6}bp$; but if $\frac{1}{2}q$ be greater than this quantity, there is but one (Negative) Root.

But the four remaining Equations in which we have $+h$, do not differ from those that have been mention'd already, *as to the Limitation of the Number of the Roots*, if the Sign of the last Term be changed, keeping the Sign of the third Term. But then them that were the Affirmative Roots in the former, will be the Negative ones here, and contrariwise.

Thus, in the Equation $z^3 - bz^2 + pz - q = o$, the Affirmative Roots were either one or three; but in this Equation $z^3 + bz^2 + pz + q = o$,

$+ q = o$, there is either one or three Negative Roots, under the very same Conditions; but no Affirmative Root at all. So also in the Equation $z^3 + bz^2 + pz - q = o$, there are two Negatives and one Affirmative, if p be less than $\frac{1}{3} bb$, and $\frac{1}{2} q$ less than $\sqrt{d^3 + \frac{1}{27} b^3} - \frac{1}{6} bp$; even as in the Equation $z^3 - bz^2 + pz + q = o$, there were two Affirmatives and one Negative: But the quantities p and q exceeding those prescrib'd Measures, there is *here* only one Affirmative Root, which *there* was a Negative one. In like manner, in the Equation $z^3 + bz^2 - pz + q = o$, there are either two Affirmatives and one Negative, or one Negative only.

Lastly, For the same reasons in the Equation $z^3 + bz^2 - pz - q = o$, there are two Negatives and one Affirmative, or one Affirmative only, for which, in the Equation $z^3 - bz^2 - pz + q = o$, there were two Affirmatives and one Negative, or one Negative alone; *viz.* as $\frac{1}{2} q$ is either greater or less than $\sqrt{d^2 + \frac{1}{27} b^3} + \frac{1}{6} bp$.

If the third Term (or pz) be wanting, the Center R always falls in the Line IPEΔ, wherefore if it be $z^3 - bz^2 . *. - q$ or $z^3 + bz^2 . *. + q$, there can be but one Root, Affirmative if it be $- b$, Negative, if $+ b$. But if it be $z^3 - bz^2 . *. + q$ or $z^3 + bz^2 . *. - q$, there may be two Affirmatives and one Negative in the former, or one Affirmative and two Negatives in the latter, the Center falling in the Line PΔ between P and Δ, that is if $\frac{1}{4} q$ be less than $\frac{1}{27} b^3$; for if it be greater, there can be but one Negative in the former, or one Affirmative in the latter.

Hitherto

Hitherto we have obtain'd the Number of the Roots in Cubick Equations, it remains that we add somewhat concerning the quantity of the Roots. And here it is first of all to be noted, that every Equation having three Roots, may be expeditiously enough resolv'd by the help of the Table of Sines, that is by the Trisection of an Angle, by putting $\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}b^2 - \frac{4}{3}p}$ or $\sqrt{4d} =$ the Radius of the Circle, if it be $+p$ in the Equation, or $\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}b^2 + \frac{4}{3}p}$, if $-p$; and the Angle to be Trisected, that which has its Sine (in the Table of Sines) $\frac{\frac{1}{27}b^3 + \frac{1}{6}bp + \frac{1}{2}q}{\sqrt{d^3}}$. This Angle being found, the Sine of its third part, as also the Sine of the third part of its Complement to a Semi-circle, and their Sum, will be given from the Table of Sines. Now these Sines are to be multiplied into the Radius $\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}b^2 + \frac{4}{3}p}$, and thus will be obtain'd the quantities (*y*& *y*& *y*& in the *Fig.*) the Sum or Difference of which and $\frac{1}{3}b$, as the case requires, will give the true Roots of the Equation. All these things are deduced from *Cartes*'s Discoveries. But that I may comprehend all the Cases, with as much Brevity as is possible; I say, that the Center *R*, in the first *Formula* of Equations, falling in the Space UGP, the two Intersections *T*, *T*, fall between *A* and *B*, and consequently either of the lesser Roots is less than $\frac{1}{3}b$, but the third and greater always exceeds $\frac{1}{3}b$, but is exceeded by *b*. But if the Center

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falls in the space G N U, there are two greater than $\frac{1}{3}b$, but less than $\frac{2}{3}b$, but the third is b — the two others, and consequently less than $\frac{1}{3}b$; but using the Limitation of the Quantity p, the Roots are included in narrower Bounds. For the greatest Root is less than $\sqrt{\frac{4}{9}bb - \frac{1}{4}p} + \frac{1}{3}b$, but greater than $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}bb - p} + \frac{1}{2}b$; but when $\frac{1}{4}bb$ is less than p, that *Limit* becomes $\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}bb - \frac{1}{3}p} + \frac{1}{3}b$. The *mean* Root is always less than $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}bb - p} + \frac{1}{2}b$, but greater than $\frac{1}{3}b - \sqrt{\frac{1}{9}bb - \frac{1}{3}p}$; but the least Root never exceeds this *Limit*, but vanishes with the Quantity q.

In the second *Formula*, according to the prescrib'd Laws, there are two Affirmative and one Negative Root; and the Center falling in the Space G P E, one of the Affirmatives is greater, and the other less than $\frac{1}{3}b$, but the greater exceeds not b; but the Negative cannot be greater than $\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}bb - \frac{1}{3}b}$, and it is the difference of b and the Sum of the Affirmative Roots. But the Center being posited in the Space E N G Δ, either of the Affirmatives is greater than $\frac{1}{3}b$, but less than $\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}bb} + \frac{1}{3}b$; but the Negative is ever less than $\frac{1}{3}b$. But the nearer Limits (from the Quantity p given) are $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}bb - p} + \frac{1}{2}b$, of the greatest Affirmative Root; than which it is always less, as also greater

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than $\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}bb - \frac{1}{3}p} + \frac{1}{3}b$; yet the other Affirmative Root (which is diminish'd with the Quantity q) is less than this *Limit*. But the Negative Root is always less than $\sqrt{\frac{4}{9}bb + \frac{4}{3}p} - \frac{1}{3}b$, and the Quantity q being wanting, vanishes.

In the third *Formula*, there are two Negatives and one Affirmative. In this, as in the fourth, the Roots are not limitted by the Quantity b. But the Affirmative Root is ever less than $\sqrt{\frac{4}{9}bb + \frac{4}{3}p} + \frac{1}{3}b$, yet greater than $\sqrt{p + \frac{1}{4}bb} + \frac{1}{2}b$; and the greatest of the Negatives is always greater than $\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}bb + \frac{1}{3}p} - \frac{1}{3}b$, but less than $\sqrt{p + \frac{1}{4}bb} - \frac{1}{2}b$. But the less of the Negatives is always lessen'd with the lessen'd Qantity q.

In the fourth *Formula*, the Center falling within the Space L △ P D; if there be two Affirmative and one Negative Root, the greatest of the Affirmative Roots cannot be greater than $\sqrt{p + \frac{1}{4}bb} + \frac{1}{2}b$, nor less than $\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}bb + \frac{4}{3}p} + \frac{1}{3}b$. But the less Negative is less than $\sqrt{\frac{4}{9}bb + \frac{4}{3}p} - \frac{1}{3}b$, and greater than $\sqrt{p + \frac{1}{4}bb} - \frac{1}{2}b$. But 'tis to be noted here, that the Negative Roots are every where mark'd with the Affirmative Sine, because these are the Affirmative Roots of those four Equations, in which is found $+b$, and q is

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is affected with the contrary Sine; as I intimated above.

The Demonstration of all these things follows from hence, that where-ever the Center of the Circle *R* falls upon the Curve Lines U P X or U Δ L, the Circumference of it touches the Parabola in a Point whose distance from the Axis is $\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}}$ V H, and cuts it on the other side the Axis at the distance of $2\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}}$ U H; but when the Center falls on the Line D P D, one of the Roots is $= o$, and consequently the Cubick Equation is reduced to a Quadratick one, or to $zz - bz + p = o$, the Roots of which give the *Limits* when the Quantity *q* vanishes; and by how much the less *q* becomes, by so much the nearer do the Roots approach to these Limits. The Equation is also Quadratical, when the Center falls in the Axis; that is, when $\frac{1}{2}q = \frac{1}{8}bp - \frac{1}{27}b3$, in the first *Formula*; or $\frac{1}{2}q = \frac{1}{27}b3 - \frac{1}{6}bp$, in the second; in the third 'tis impossible; but in the fourth, when $\frac{1}{2}q = \frac{1}{27}b3 + \frac{1}{6}bp$; in which case the less of the Affirmative Roots is $\frac{1}{3}b$, and the greater $\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}bb + p} + \frac{1}{3}b$, but the Negative $\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}bb - p} - \frac{1}{3}b$. In the first *Formula*, the Roots are $\frac{1}{3}b$, and $\frac{1}{3}b \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}bb - p}$. But in the second, the Affirmatives are $\frac{1}{3}b$, and $\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}bb - p} + \frac{1}{3}b$, but the Negative $\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}bb - p} - \frac{1}{3}b$. And these things may seem to suffice in Cubicks; but because of the excellent use of the Method, by which, by the help of the *Table*

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of Sines, the Roots of these Equations are found; I thought convenient to add an Example or two, by which the *Compendium* of that Practise may be rendred manifest. Let the Equation $z3 - 39z^2 + 479z - 1881 = 0$, be propos'd; and the Roots z are sought.

Here $\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}bb - \frac{1}{3}p} = \sqrt{9\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt{d}$, whose double $\sqrt{37\frac{1}{3}}$ is the Radius of the Circle; also $\frac{1}{27}b3 + \frac{1}{2}q - \frac{1}{6}bp = 2197 + 940\frac{1}{2} - 3113\frac{1}{2}$,

$\sqrt{d3}$ $\quad$ $9\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{9\frac{1}{3}}$

or $\frac{24}{9\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{9\frac{1}{3}}}$ is the *Tabular Sine* of the Angle;

that is, making a Division by the help of the Logarithms, *Log.* 9.9251560, to which corresponds an Angle of 57°. 19'. 11½". The third part of this is 19°. 6'. 24". and of the Complement, is 40°. 53'. 36". The Sines give the Logs, 9.514983 and 9.816011;

which multiplied into the Radius $\sqrt{37\frac{1}{3}}$, produce Y& and Y&, Log. 0.301030 = 2, and Log. 0.601059 = 4, but the third Y& is equal to the Sum of them, or 6. And therefore the Roots are 13 − 4 = 9; 13 − 2 = 11, 13 + 6 = 19; of which several ones the foremention'd Equation is compos'd. Where 'tis to be noted that the two lesser Roots, do not exceed $\frac{1}{3}b$ or 13, because the Center R in the Construction falls on the right hand of the Axis; that is, $\frac{1}{6}bp$ is less than $\frac{1}{27}b3 + \frac{1}{2}q$.

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For another Example, let us enquire out the Roots of the Equation $x3 - 15x^2 - 229x - 525 = o$. Here $\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}bb + \frac{1}{3}p} = \sqrt{101\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt{d}$, and the Radius of the Circle $= \sqrt{405\frac{1}{3}}$. Also $\frac{1}{27}b3 + \frac{1}{6}bp + \frac{1}{2}q = 125 + 572\frac{1}{2} + 262\frac{1}{2}$

$\sqrt{ddd}$ $101\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{101\frac{1}{3}}$

the Tabular Sine of an Arch, whose Log. 9.9736426, and the Arch it self 70°. 14'. 22". The third part of it, is 23°. 24'. 47"$\frac{1}{2}$, and of the Complement, is 36°. 35'. 12"$\frac{1}{2}$, whose Log. Sines are 9.599183, and 9.775275, to which adding the Log. $\sqrt{405\frac{1}{3}}$, we have the Log. 0.903089=8, and Log. 1.079181=12, the Sum of which is equal to 20. Hence we conclude that $20 + \frac{1}{3}b$ or 25, is equal to the Affirmative Root, and 8 and $12 - \frac{1}{3}b$, that is 8 and 7 equal to the Negative Roots. But if the Equation had been $x3 + 15x^2 - 229x - 525 = o$, then 8 & 7 had been the Affirmative Roots, and 25 the Negative. As for the other Cubicks which are explicable by one only Root, they are to be resolv'd by *Cardan*'s Rules, after the second Term is taken away; neither do I see how the business can be done with less Calculation.

But if this Root be desir'd to be expressed in the Terms of the Quantities b, p, q, I say that in the first *Formula* it is, $\frac{1}{3}b +$ or $-$ the Sum or Difference of the Cubick Roots of $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}qq - \frac{1}{108}p2\,b2 + \frac{1}{27}b3\,q - \frac{1}{6}bpq + \frac{1}{27}p3} + \frac{1}{27}b3 + \frac{1}{2}q - \frac{1}{6}bp$ (*viz.* + if $\frac{1}{27}b3 + \frac{1}{2}q$ be

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greater than $\frac{1}{6}bp$, otherwiſe —) the Sum, when $\frac{1}{3}bb$ is greater than p, the difference when leſs. And in the other *Formulæ*, the Root is always compos'd of the ſame parts, only the Sines + and — being varied, as they will eaſily perceive that are willing to make the Tryals.

But theſe Roots are readily enough found by the help of the Log. Table of *verſed Sines*; viz. if the Coefficients are *ſurd* or *broken* Numbers, and the Roots not to be expreſſed in Numbers, as moſt commonly it happens.

Now this is the Rule. In the firſt and ſecond *Formula*, if $\frac{1}{3}bb$ be leſs than p, let $\frac{1}{3}p - \frac{1}{9}bb = d$, and putting the difference between $\frac{1}{6}bp$, and $\frac{1}{27}b3 + \frac{1}{2}q$ (that is H R) in the firſt *Formula*, and the difference between $\frac{1}{6}bp + \frac{1}{2}q$ and $\frac{1}{27}b3$ (in the ſecond *Formula*) *Radius*, let the Angle, whoſe Tangent is $d\sqrt{d}$, be found. Then, as the *Co-ſine* of this Angle, to the *verſed Sine* of the ſame, ſo the *Difference* made *Radius*, to a fourth Quantity, the Cube Root of which will be had by taking the $\frac{1}{3}$ of its Log. Then dividing $\frac{1}{3}p - \frac{1}{9}bb$ by this Cube Root, let the Diviſor be ſubſtracted from the Quotient, the Remainder will be the Quantity Y& at Fig. 1. The *Sum* of this Remainder and $\frac{1}{3}b$ will be the Root ſought, if the Center falls on the Right Hand of the Axis; otherwiſe their *Difference* will be the Root. But if $\frac{1}{3}bb$ be greater than p, making H R Radius, let $d\sqrt{d}$ (or the diſtance of the Paraboloid from the Axis) be the Sine of ſome Arch; let the verſed

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versed Sine of this be multiplied into Radius or $\frac{1}{6}bp - \frac{1}{27}b3 \pm \frac{1}{2}q$, and taking $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Log. of the Product, its Cubick Root will be obtained, by which let $\frac{1}{9}bb - \frac{1}{3}p$ be divided. I say, that the *Sum* of the Quotient and Divisor, after the same manner added to or taken from $\frac{1}{3}b$, will give the Root sought. And the like for the third and fourth *Formula*, unless that $\frac{1}{27}b3 + \frac{1}{6}bp \pm \frac{1}{2}q$ is to be taken for Radius, and $\frac{1}{9}bb + \frac{1}{3}p$ into $\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}bb + \frac{1}{3}p}$, or $d\sqrt{d}$, for the Sine. But these Rules will be perhaps better understood by Examples.

Suppose the Cubick Equation $z3 - 17z2 + 54z - 350 = o$, and let the Root z be sought. Here $\frac{1}{3}bb$ is is greater than p, but q is bigger than the Cube of $\frac{1}{3}b$, and therefore 'tis explicable by one Affirmative Root only. Now $\frac{288}{9} - \frac{144}{3}$ is d, and $\frac{127}{9}\sqrt{\frac{127}{9}}$ is to be taken for the Sine, to the Radius $\frac{2916}{27} + 175 - 153$, that is $\cdot\frac{1127}{27}$; and the Arch agreeing thereto is 15°. 30'. 49". The Log. versed Sine of this 8.5362376, added to the Log. of the Radius 2.3095913, makes 0.8457889, the 3d part of which 0.2819276, is the Log. of the Cube Root 1.91394, by which, as a Divisor, dividing $\frac{127}{9}$ or d, the Quotient is 7.37281. The Sum of the Quotient and Divisor encreased by the addition of $\frac{1}{3}b$, is the Root sought, *viz.* 14.9534, &c.

Having thus dispatch'd *Cubick* Equations, let us proceed to *Biquadratical* ones. These have always either none, or 2, or 4 true

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Roots, the determination of which depends partly on the *Coefficients*, partly on the *Sine* and *Magnitude* of the absolute Number given. A general Construction for all these (and that easy I conceive enough) I have delivered at N° 188, which I suppose the Reader to be acquainted with; but yet the Figure relating to that Matter, I think proper to bring hither, (*Fig.* 2.) In the Construction of the Equation $zz - bz^3 + pz^2 - qz + r = o$, let $BD = \frac{1}{4}b$, $AB = \frac{1}{16}bb$, $BK = \frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ the *Parameter*, $KC = 2AB = \frac{1}{8}bb$, $KE = \frac{1}{8}bb - \frac{1}{2}p$, $AE - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{16}bb - \frac{1}{2}p$, $FE = \frac{1}{16}b^3 - \frac{1}{4}bp$, and $EG = \frac{1}{16}b^3 - \frac{1}{4}bp + \frac{1}{2}q$. Which done, a Circle on the Center G with the Radius $\sqrt{GD^2 - r}$, will interfect the Parabola, either in none, or 2 or 4 Points, from whence Perpendiculars let fall on DH, will give all the Roots z. But that there may be 4, 'tis evident that the Center of the Circle ought to be found somewhere within a space from any Point of which, three Perpendiculars may be let fall upon the Curve of the Parabola; and also that the Radius is less than the greatest of those Perpendiculars, and greater than the middle one. But that if the Center be posited without this space, so that there can be but one Perpendicular let fall upon the Parabola, and the Radius greater than it, or if it be less than the middle one of the 3 Perpendiculars, but greater than the least of them; then there can be but two Roots only. But there is no Root at all, when the Radius $\sqrt{GD^2 - r}$ is

is leſs than the leaſt of the 3, or than the one as often as there is but one. Now it remains for us to inquire of what kind this Space is, by what Limits 'tis diſtinguiſhed, and under what Conditions the Radius of the Circle is leſs or greater than the fore-mention'd Perpendiculars. And firſt of all, we muſt ſhew how a Perpendicular is to be let fall upon the Parabola. Let (*Fig.* 3.) ABC be a Parabola, AE its Axis, AV $\frac{1}{2}$ the Parameter, G the point from whence the Perpendicular is to be let fall. Let GE be drawn perpendicular to the Axis, and VE be biſected in F, and erecting the Perpendicular FH on the ſame ſide of the Axis, let $FH = \frac{1}{4}GE$; I ſay that a Circle deſcrib'd on the Center H, with the Radius HA, will interſect the Parabola in three points, or one, &c. the right Lines GZ drawn to which, will be perpendicular to the Curve of the Parabola. But now that there may be 3 ſuch Interſections, the Center H ought to be ſo poſited, as that it may be within the ſpace included by the Paraboloids (in *Fig.* 1.)

that is, that FH may be leſs than $\sqrt{\frac{8}{27}}FV^3$, or FH^2 leſs than the Cube of $\frac{2}{3}VF$; and

ſo $GE = 4FH$ will be leſs than $4\sqrt{\frac{8}{27}}VF^3$, that is, the ſquare of GE will be leſs than $\frac{16}{27}VE^3$. Therefore theſe Limits coincide with two Paraboloids of the ſame kind with thoſe which were uſed in Cubical Equations, but whoſe Parameter is twice leſs, *viz.* $\frac{27}{16}$ of the Parameter of the Parabola, that is $\frac{27}{8}$ of AV. And therefore it is that very

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Curve Line, by the Evolution of which the Parabola is describ'd (as *Hugenius* has demonstrated) and which, the Line DF *(Fig. 2.)* which is perpendicular to the Parabola in the point D, is always a Tangent to. But the point P (that is, that in which the right Line DF touches the Paraboloid) is the Center of a Circle, which (being describ'd with the Radius DP) coincides with the Parabola in the point D, or has the same *Curvature* with it, as is manifest.

Having therefore describ'd such Paraboloids UXP, VN△ *(Fig. 2.)* on either side the Axis, 'tis clear, that unless the Center of the Circle be placed within these Limits, it cannot interfect the Parabola in more than two points. From whence we may determine, under what conditions, the Coefficients of the intermediate Terms are restrained, in Biquadratick Equations, that so there may be four Roots. And at first sight 'tis plain that p cannot be greater than $\frac{1}{8}\ bb$, (viz. in those Forms where 'tis $+p$) nor q than $\frac{1}{16}\ b^3$. But in General, $\frac{1}{16}\ b^3 \mp \frac{1}{4}pb \mp \frac{1}{2}q$, that is EG the distance of the Center from the Axis, ought to be less than $EH = 4\sqrt{\frac{1}{27}}\ VE^3$, that is (because $VE = \frac{1}{16}\ bb \mp \frac{1}{2}p$) than $\frac{1}{4}\ bb \mp \frac{2}{3}p\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{16}\ b2 + p}$ or $-\frac{1}{8}p$, the Sines $+$ and $-$ being left doubtful, that so they may be varied according to the nature of any Equation; as was shewn above in Cubicks. Neither would I be offensively tedious to the Learned on the one hand, nor deprive Learners on the other, of the Exercise

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erciſe and Pleaſure, of ſending out theſe things by themſelves. As for the Limitation of the leaſt Term r, it cannot be found with the ſame eaſineſs, and that becauſe, to let fall a Perpendicular upon the Curve of a Parabola, is a *ſolid Probleme*, and which cannot be reſolv'd without the ſolution of a Cubick Equation. Therefore firſt of all let the ſecond Term be wanting, or if there, let it be taken away, ſo that the Equation may have this Form $z4. *. pz2. qz. r. = o$. And if it be $-r$, it is always explicable by two or four Roots; but that there may be four, the Center of the Circle ought to be poſited within the foremention'd Paraboloids, or that it may be $-p$, and qq may be leſs than $\frac{8}{27} p3$ or the Cube of $\frac{2}{3} p$. Then let the Roots of this Equation $y3. *. \frac{1}{2} py. \frac{1}{4} q = o$, be gotten, the Quantities p and q having the ſame Sines as in the Biquadratick. And theſe Roots are found expeditiouſly enough by the help of the Table of Sines. But having found thoſe three y (which are ordinately applied to the Axis of the Parabola from the points, where the Perpendiculars to the Curve of it do fall, *viz.* Y Z in *Fig.* 3.) than $pyy - 3y4$ of the *leſſer* y will denote the greateſt Quantity of r, if it be $-r$, than which if r be leſs, the Equation will have four Roots, otherwiſe but two. But if it be $+r$, it ought to be leſs than $3y4 - pyy$ of the *middle* y, for if it be greater, it can have but two Roots; at leaſt, if r be leſs than $3y4 - pyy$ of the *greateſt* y. But if it be greater than this, the Equation is not explicable by any true Root at all.

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These same *Limits*, are otherwise expressed by the Quantity q, viz. $\frac{1}{2}qy - y4$ in the first case, $y4 - \frac{1}{2}qy$ in the second, and $y4 + \frac{1}{2}qy$ in the third. But it may be, that the two lesser Quantities y may not be far different from one another, whence it comes to pass that both of the Perpendiculars are greater than the right Line G A, *viz.* when qq is greater than $\frac{4}{27}p^3$, but less than $\frac{8}{27}p^3$; the Center falling within the space contain'd between the Paraboloids of *Fig.* 1. and 2. In this case, if it be $+r$, there can be but two Roots, $y4 + \frac{1}{2}qy$ of the *greatest* y being greater than r; otherwise none. But if $\frac{1}{2}qy - y4$ of the *least* y be greater than r mark'd with the Sine $-$, but r be greater than $\frac{1}{2}qy - y4$ of the *mean* y, then there will be four Roots; but two only, if r be found greater than the former, or less than the latter. But if in the Equation it be $+p$, or if it be $-p$ and qq be greater than $\frac{8}{27}p^3$, the Equation $y^3 . *. \frac{1}{2}py . \frac{1}{4}q .$ is explicable by only one Root y; that is, there can be but one Perpendicular only let fall from the Center of the Circle. Whence it may be certainly concluded that there can be but two Roots only in the given Equation, the Sum of which, if it be $-r$, is increas'd with the Quantity r; but if it be $+r$, the Quantity y being obtain'd, that Quantity r ought to be less than $y4 + \frac{1}{2}qy$, for if it be greater, the Equation propos'd is absurd and impossible.

'Twould be both tedious and needless to run over all Equations of this kind, since 'tis evident (from what has been already said) to those that are attentive, which are Negative

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gative and which Affirmative, and that the Limits of these Roots are deriv'd from the found Quantities y. But for an Example (which any one may imitate in the rest of of the Cases) let it be propos'd to discover the *Limits* or *Conditions*, under which, there may be four Affirmative Roots in a Biquadratical Equation. Now this will be as often as the Center of the Circle G is posited in the space UPK (*Fig.* 2.) and also $+r$ or the Radius of the Circle is less than GD. Whence 'tis plain, that the Equation here concern'd is of this Form, $z4 - bz3 + pz2 - qz + r = o$; and that p cannot be greater than $\frac{1}{8}bb$, nor $\frac{1}{4}pb$ (in this case) than $\frac{1}{16}b3 + \frac{1}{2}q$; again, 'tis necessary that $\frac{1}{4}bb - \frac{2}{3}p$ in $\sqrt{\frac{1}{16}bb - \frac{1}{6}p}$ should be greater than $\frac{1}{16}b3 + \frac{1}{2}q - \frac{1}{4}bp$; and from these *Limits*, it will be manifest that the Center is contain'd within the space UPK. But in order to the determination of the Quantity r, this Cubick Equation must be first solv'd, $y3. * - \frac{1}{16}b2 - \frac{1}{2}py = \frac{1}{32}b3 + \frac{1}{4}q - \frac{1}{8}pb$; and so will be obtain'd the Points upon which fall the Perpendiculars from the Center to the Curve of the Parabola. Now having found the three Values of this y; the Quantity r ought to be less than $2\frac{1}{256}b4 + \frac{1}{4}bq - \frac{1}{16}bbp + 3y4 - \frac{1}{8}b2y2 + pyy$ of the *middle* y, but greater than $2\frac{1}{256}b4 + \frac{1}{4}bq - \frac{1}{16}bbp + 3y4 - \frac{1}{8}b2y2 + pyy$ of the *least* y. But if r exceed these Limits, there can be but two Roots obtain'd. Lastly, if $2\frac{1}{256}b4 + \frac{1}{4}bp - \frac{1}{16}bbp + 3y4 - \frac{1}{8}bby + pyy$ of the *greatest* y, be greater than r, then the Equation propos'd is im-

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impossible. It happens also that there are four Affirmative Roots, when the Center G is posited in the little space UTS, *viz.* drawing RTS perpendicular upon the middle of the supposed Line AD. But this comes to pass when p is greater than $\frac{1}{16}bb$, and $\frac{1}{4}bb - \frac{2}{3}p\sqrt{\frac{1}{16}bb - \frac{1}{6}p}$ greater than $\frac{1}{8}pb - \frac{1}{128}b3 - \frac{1}{2}q$. In which case always two, sometimes three of the Roots are greater than $\frac{1}{4}b$.

But 'tis to be noted here that that *Limit* produced from the *least* y, is sometimes Negative, or less than nothing; *viz.* as often as the greatest of the three Perpendiculars is greater than GD *(Fig.* 2.) If this happens, the Quantity $+r$ may be diminish'd to nothing from the Limit prescrib'd, by the *middle* y. But the defect of a *Limit* from the *least* y, shews how great $-r$ may be in the Equation, if there be three Affirmative Roots and one Negative one; which if it exceeds, there can be but two, one Affirmatsve and the other Negative. And all these things are demonstrated from hence, that *the fore-mention'd Limits of the Quantity* r, *are the differences of the Squares of the Line* GD, *and the Perpendiculars to the Curve of the Parabola.*

But because of the perplexing Cautions arising from the diversity of Sines with these Equations, 'tis better always to take away the second Term, and then to inquire out the number of Roots and the Sines, according to the Rules already deliver'd; especially if those Quantities y are not much different from one another. But of these four Affirmative Roots,

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two are always less than $\frac{1}{4}b$, and two greater, *viz.* if DG be less than AG, or $\frac{1}{4}pb$ than $\frac{3}{64}b3 + q$. But three are always less than $\frac{1}{4}b$, as often as the *mean Perpendicular* (or that found from the *mean y*) is greater than AG, or $\frac{3}{8}bby$ greater than $3y3 - pyy$ of the same *mean y*. The fourth and greatest Root is greater than the greatest $y + \frac{1}{4}b$; and 'tis equal to the difference of b and the Sum of the other three Roots, and therefore is less than b.

But 'tis now time to have done with this Matter. Perhaps those that more perfectly understand the Nature of the Parabola, may be able to do all these things after a more compendious manner. But there is some cause to doubt, whether all these Quantities $b. p, q. r.$ can be rightly determin'd without the Resolution of a Cubick Equation, or no. For whatsoever is done in Plain Equations in this Matter, exhibits, not the *true Limits*, but some Approximations only.

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Some Illuſtrious Specimens of the Doctrine of Fluxions; or Examples by which is clearly ſhewn the Uſe and Excellency of that Method in ſolving Geometrical Problems.

By Ab. De Moivre.

YOU have here alſo the Method which I promis'd, concerning the Quadratures of Curvilineal Figures, the Dimenſion of the Solids generated by the Relation of a Plane (and of the Surfaces) the Rectification of Curve Lines, and the Calculation of the Center of Gravity. I know theſe Points have been already handled by ſeveral very learned Men———But I hope this Attempt of mine will nevertheleſs not altogether diſpleaſe, if (eſpecially) I have had the good Luck to find a ſhorter and more expeditious way to theſe things, than what is commonly known.

But before I proceed farther, I would have it obſerv'd, that I make uſe here, of what the celebrated Mr. *Newton* has demonſtrated, *Page* 251, 252, 253. *Princ. Phil.* concerning *the Momentaneous Increments or Decrements, of Quantities that Increaſe or Decreaſe*

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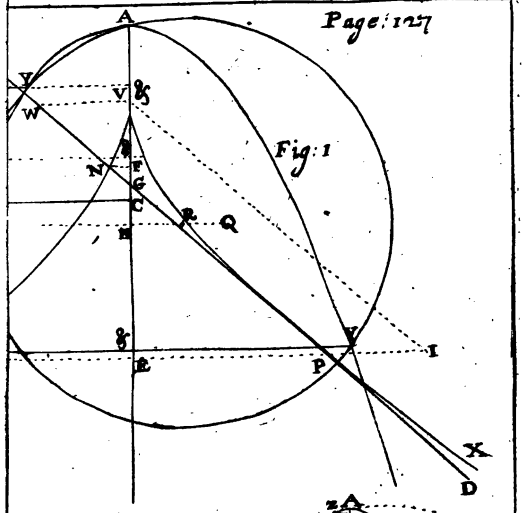

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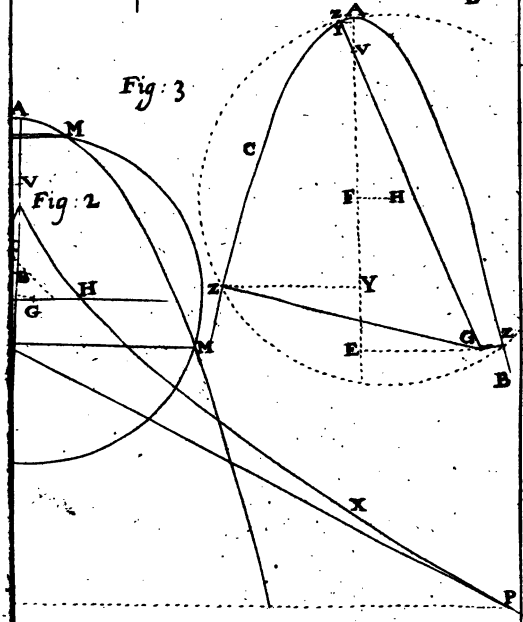

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creaſe by a continual Flux; Eſpecially, that the Momentane of any Power, as $A^{\frac{n}{m}}$ is $\frac{n}{m}$ *a* $A^{\frac{n-1}{m}}$. Farther; the Fluxion $\frac{n}{m}$ *a* $A^{\frac{n-1}{m}}$ being given, the flowing Quantity $/A^{\frac{n}{m}}$ may be found; Firſt, By ſtriking *a* out of the Fluxion; Secondly, By encreaſing the *Index* of the Fluxion by Unity; Thirdly, By dividing the Fluxion by the Index thus increaſed by Unity. In the following Diſcourſe, we ſhall expreſs *Abſciſſe* of any Curve by $\dot{x}$, its Fluxion by x, the *ordinate* by y, and its Fluxion by $\dot{y}$. Theſe things ſuppos'd; that we may come to the *Quadrature of Curves*, Firſt, Take the value of the ordinate applicate, by the help of the Equation expreſſing the Nature of the Curve. Secondly, Let this Value be multiplied by the Fluxion of the Abſciſſe; for the Product ariſing is the Fluxion of the *Area*. Thirdly, Having the Fluxion of the Area, let the flowing Quantity be found, and ſo we ſhall have the Area ſought. *Ex. gr.* Let the Equation $x^m = y^n$ be propos'd, which expreſſes the Nature of all ſorts of Paraboloids. The Value of y is $x^{\frac{m}{n}}$ which multiplied by $\dot{x}$,

$\dot{x}$, gives $x^{\frac{m}{n}}\dot{x}$ for the Fluxion of the Area, and consequently the Area sought is $\frac{n}{m+n}$ $x^{\frac{m+1}{n}}$, or (substituting y instead of $x^{\frac{m}{n}}$) $\frac{n}{m+n}x\,y$.

Again, suppose a Curve, whose Equation is $x^4 + aaxx = yy$ (which is the first of the Excellent Mr. *Craig*'s Examples) putting $y = x\sqrt{xx+aa}$, the Fluxion of the Area will be $x\dot{x}\sqrt{xx+aa}$. Which Expression involving a *surd* Quantity, let us suppose $\sqrt{xx+aa} = z$, then will $xx + aa = z^2$, and consequently $x\dot{x} = z\dot{z}$; and substituting $z\dot{z}$ and z for $x\dot{x}$ and $\sqrt{xx+aa}$, the Fluxion thus freed from Surds, will be $z^2\dot{z}$; which reduced to its Original $\frac{1}{3}z^3$ and putting $\sqrt{xx+aa}$ for z, we have $\frac{1}{3}xx+aa\sqrt{xx+aa}$ for the Area sought.

But to shew more effectually how easily these Quadratures are perform'd, I shall add one Example more. Let the Equation of the Curve be $\frac{x^2}{x+a} = y^2$, therefore $y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+a}}$, and therefore $\frac{x\dot{x}}{\sqrt{x+a}}$ is the Fluxion of the Area,

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Area. Put $\sqrt{x+a} = z$, hence $x = zz - a$, and $x = 2zz$. Therefore $\frac{\dot{x}\dot{x}}{\sqrt{x+a}} = 2z^2\dot{z} - 2a\dot{z}$, and consequently $\frac{2}{3}z^3 - 2az$, or $\frac{2}{3} - \frac{4}{3}a\sqrt{x+a}$ will be the Area sought.

But it often happens that we meet with some Curves (such as the Circle and Hyperbola) which are of such a Nature, that 'tis in vain to attempt the freeing the Fluxions of them from *Surds*. And then reducing the Value of the ordinate into an infinite Series, and multiplying the several Terms of the Series into the Fluxion of the Abscisse (as before) let the Fluent of each of those Terms be found, and so there will arise a new Series, which will exhibit the Quadrature of the Curve.

This Method is with the same ease applied *to the Mensuration of the Solids* generated by the Rotation of a Plane; *viz.* taking for their Fluxions, the Product of the Fluxion of the Abscisse into the circular *Basis*. Let the Proportion of a Square to the inscrib'd Circle be $\frac{n}{1}$. The Equation expressing the Nature of a Circle is $yy = dx - xx$; therefore $4\frac{dx\dot{x}}{n} - x^2\dot{x}$ is the Fluxion of a Portion

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of the Sphere, and consequently the Portion it self is $4\frac{\frac{1}{2}dx^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3}{n}$, and the circumscrib'd Cylinder is $4\frac{dx^2 - x^3}{n}$. Therefore the Portion of the Sphere is to the circumscrib'd Cylinder, is as $\frac{1}{2}d - \frac{1}{3}x$ to $d - x$.

The *Rectification of Curve Lines* will be obtain'd, if we consider the Fluxion of the Curve as a Hypothenuse of a Rectangular Triangle, whose sides are the Fluxions of the Ordinate and Abscisse. But in the Expression of this Hypothenuse, care must be taken that only one of the Fluxions be remaining, as also only one of the indeterminate Quantities, *viz.* that whose Fluxion is retain'd. Some Examples will render this clear.

(Fig. 1.*)* The right Sine CB being given, to find the Arch AC. Let $AB = x$. $CB = y$. $OA = r$. CE the Fluxion of the Abscisse, ED the Fluxion of the Ordinate, CD the Fluxion of the Arch CA. From the Property of the Circle $2rx - xx = yy$, whence $2\dot{r}\dot{x} - 2\dot{x}\dot{x} = 2\dot{y}\dot{y}$, and therefore $\dot{x} = \frac{\dot{y}\dot{y}}{r - x}$. But

$$C\dot{D}^q = \dot{y}\dot{y} + \dot{x}\dot{x} = \dot{y}\dot{y} + \frac{\dot{y}^2\dot{y}^2}{rr - 2rx + xx} = \dot{y}\dot{y} + \frac{\dot{y}^2\dot{y}^2}{rr - yy} = \frac{\dot{r}\dot{y}\dot{y}\dot{y}}{rr - yy};$$

therefore $CD = \frac{ry}{\sqrt{rr - yy}} =$

$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{rr-yy}} \times ry = ry \times \overline{rr-yy}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. And consequently if $\overline{rr-yy}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ be thrown into an infinite Series, and the several Members of it be multiplied into ry, and then the flowing Quantity of each be taken, we shall have the length of the Arch AC. After the same manner, giving the versed Sine, the same Arch may be found. For resuming the Equation found above $2rx - 2xx = 2yy$, we have $y = \frac{rx - xx}{yy}$, but $CD^q = xx + yy = xx + \frac{rrxx - 2rxxx + x^2xx}{yy} \cdot \frac{\cdot\cdot}{\cdot\cdot} xx + \frac{rrxx - 2rxxx + x^2xx}{2rx - xx}$, that is, (reducing all to the same Denominator, and expunging contradictory Terms) $\frac{rrxx}{2rx - xx}$, whence $CD = \frac{rx}{\sqrt{2rx - xx}}$, and consequently the length of the Arch AC may be easily found from what is said already.

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The Fluxion of the Curve Line is ſometimes more eaſily found by comparing the two ſimilar Triangles CED, CBO, for this Proportion ariſes, CB : CO :: CD, that is for the Circle $\sqrt{2rx - xx} : r :: \dot{x} : \frac{r\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2rx - xx}}$.

The Curve of the Cycloid may be determin'd by the ſame Method too. Let (*Fig.* 2.) ALK be a Semicycloid, whoſe generating Circle is ADL. Having any point as B in the Diameter AL, draw BI parallel to the Baſe LK meeting the Peripheus of the Circle in the point D; compleat the Rectangle AEIB, and draw FH parallel to EI and infinitely near to it, as alſo BI cutting FH in G, and the Curve AK in H. Put AL $= d$.

AB ($=$ EI) $= x$. GH $= \dot{x}$. It is known that the right Line BG is every where equal to the Sum of the Arch AD and the right Sine BD; whence 'tis manifeſt, that the Fluxion IG is alſo the Aggregate of the Fluxions of the Arch AD and the right Sine BD. But the Fluxion of the Arch AD was found $= \frac{\frac{1}{2}d\dot{x}}{\sqrt{dx - xx}}$, and the Fluxion of the right Sine BD will be found to be $\frac{d\dot{x} - 2x\dot{x}}{2\sqrt{dx - xx}}$; therefore IG $= \frac{d\dot{x} - 2x\dot{x}}{2\sqrt{dx - xx}}$ and therefore

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$IH^q (= IG^q + GH^q) = \frac{\dot{d}\dot{d}xx - \dot{d}x\dot{x}\dot{x}}{d\dot{x} - x\dot{x}}$, from whence $IH = \frac{x\sqrt{\dot{d}\dot{d} - \dot{d}\dot{x}}}{\sqrt{d\dot{x} - x\dot{x}}} = x\sqrt{\dot{d}} = d^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}^{-\frac{1}{2}} x$, and consequently $AI = 2d^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2\sqrt{dx} = 2AD$. This Conclusion may also very easily be deduc'd from the known Property of the Tangent. For since the little part of it, as IH, is always parallel to the Chord AD, the Triangles IGH, ABD are similar, whence AB: AD:: GH: IH, that is, $x : \sqrt{dx} :: \dot{x} : \frac{\dot{x}\sqrt{dx}}{x}$, therefore $IH = \frac{\dot{x}\sqrt{dx}}{x} = d^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}$. By the help of the Fluxion IH also, we may investigate the Area of the Cycloid. The Fluxion of the Area AEI, is the Rectangle $EIG = \frac{d\dot{x}x - \dot{x}^2 x}{\sqrt{dx - xx}} = x\sqrt{dx - xx}$. But the Fluxion of the Portion ABD is the same; therefore the Area AEI and the correspondent Portion (of the Circle) ABD, are always equal.

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Let AB (*Fig.* 3.) be the Curve of the Parabola, whoſe Axis is AF, Parameter a; let $AE = x$, $EB = y$, $AB = z$, $BD = \dot{x}$, $DC = \dot{y}$, $BC = \dot{z}$. The Equation expreſſing the Nature of the Parabola, being $ax = yy$, we have $a\dot{x} = 2y\dot{y}$, whence $\dot{x} = \frac{2y\dot{y}}{a}$; but $BC^q = BD^q + CD^q$, that is $\dot{z}\dot{z} = \dot{x}\dot{x} + \dot{y}\dot{y} = \frac{4y^2\dot{y}\dot{y}}{aa} + \dot{y}\dot{y} = \frac{4y^2\dot{y}\dot{y} + aa\dot{y}\dot{y}}{aa}$, and therefore $\dot{z} = \frac{\dot{y}\sqrt{4y^2 + aa}}{a} = \frac{\dot{y}\sqrt{y^2 + \frac{1}{4}aa}}{\frac{1}{2}a}$. If now by this Expreſſion $\frac{\dot{y}\sqrt{y^2 + \frac{1}{4}aa}}{\frac{1}{2}a}$ be thrown into an infinite Series, the Curve AB will eaſily be known. It appears farther, that giving an *Hyperbolical Space*, this Curve is alſo given, and *vice verſa*. For $\frac{1}{2}a\dot{z} = \dot{y}\sqrt{y^2 + \frac{1}{4}aa}$, and conſequently $\frac{1}{2}az$ is the Space whoſe Fluxion is $\dot{y}\sqrt{y^2 + \frac{1}{4}aa}$. But ſuch a Space is no other than the Exteribur (Equilateral) Hyperbola ABEG, whoſe Semiaxis $AB = \frac{1}{2}a$, its Abſciſſe $AE = y$, and its Ordinate $EG = x$.

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For the Menſuration of *a ſurface deſcrib'd by the Converſion of a Curve round its Axis*; we are to aſſume for the Fluxion of it, a Cylindrick Superficies, whoſe Altitude is the Fluxion of the Curve, and whoſe diſtance from the Axis is the Ordinate Applicate correſponding to that Fluxion. *Ex. gr.* Let AC be the Arch of a Circle, which turning round the Axis AD, generates a ſpherical Superficies, which we would meaſure. Now DC the Fluxion of the Arch is already found to be

$$= \frac{\dot{r}x}{\sqrt{2rx - xx}},$$ which if we multiply by the

Periphery belonging to the Radius BC, that is, by $\frac{c}{r}\sqrt{2rx - xx}$ (putting $\frac{c}{r}$ the Ratio of the Circumference to the Radius) we ſhall have $c\dot{x}$ for the Fluxion of the ſpherical Superficies, and conſequently that Superficies it ſelf, is cx.

As for *Centers of Gravity*; having gotten the Fluxion of the Solid or Surface, and multiplied the ſame into its diſtance from the *Vertex*, the flowing Quantity muſt be found, which divided by the Solid or Surface it ſelf, the Quotient will ſhew the diſtance of the Center of Gravity from the Vertex. Thus to find the Center of Gravity of all the Paraboloids; their Fluxion is thus generally expreſſed

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expressed $x^{\frac{m}{n}}\dot{x}$, which multiplied by x, makes $x^{\frac{m+1}{n}}\dot{x}$, the flowing Quantity of which, *viz.* $\frac{n}{m+2n}x^{\frac{m+2}{n}}$ divided by the Area of the Paraboloid $\frac{n}{m+n}x^{\frac{m+1}{n}}$, gives $\frac{m+2n}{m+2n}x$, the distance of the Center of Gravity from the Vertex.

The Center of Gravity of a Portion of a Sphere, is found after the same manner. For its Fluxion $\frac{4\,dx\dot{x}-x^2\dot{x}}{n}$ multiplied into x, makes $\frac{4\,dx^2\dot{x}-x^3\dot{x}}{n}$, whose flowing Quantity $\frac{4\frac{1}{3}dx^3-\frac{1}{4}x^4}{n}$, divided by the solid Content of the Portion, *viz.* $\frac{4\frac{1}{2}dxx-\frac{1}{3}x^3}{n}$, gives $\frac{\frac{1}{3}d-\frac{1}{4}x}{\frac{1}{2}d-\frac{1}{3}x}x$, or $\frac{4d-3x}{6d-4x}x$, the distance of the Center of Gravity from the Vertex.

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My deſign here was not to be large, and purſue all the Difficulties that may occur. 'Tis ſufficient to have made a beginning, and led the Way to thoſe greater Things.

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A Method of Squaring some sorts of Curves, or Reducing them to more simple Curves.

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LET A be the Area of a Curve, whose Abscisse is x, and Ordinate Applicate $x^{\frac{m}{n}}\sqrt{dx - xx}$. Let B be the Area of a Curve, whose Abscisse is the same with the former, and its Ordinate $x^{\frac{m-n}{n}}\sqrt{dx - xx}$. Put $\sqrt{dx - xx} = y$. Then will $A = \frac{d}{n}B$ into $\frac{2m+1}{2m+4}$ into $\frac{2m-1}{2m+2}$ into $\frac{2m-3}{2m}$ into $\frac{2m-5}{2m-2}$ &c. $= P$

$$-\frac{1}{m+2}x^{m-1}y^3 = -Q$$

$$-\frac{d}{m+1}\text{ into }\frac{2m+1}{2m+4}x^{m-2}y^3 = -R$$

$$-\frac{d^2}{m}\text{ into }\frac{2m+1}{2m+4}\text{ into }\frac{2m-1}{2m+2}x^{m-3}y^3 = -S$$

$$-\frac{d^3}{m-1}\text{ into }\frac{2m+1}{2m+4}\text{ into }\frac{2m-1}{2m+2}\text{ into }\frac{2m-3}{2m}$$

$$x^{m-4}y^3 = -T, \text{ &c.}$$

Where we are to Note, 1. That n is supposed to be an Integer and Affirmative Number. 2. That the Quantity d^nB, in the Series

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Series expressed by P, is to be multiplied into as many Terms as there are Unities in n. 3. That as many of the following Series expressed by $-Q$, $-R$, $-S$, $-T$, &c. are to be taken, as there are Unities in n. Which to illustrate by an Example or two: If $n = 1$, then I say that $A = d^m B$ into $\frac{2m+1}{2m+4} - \frac{1}{m+2} x^{m-1} y^3$; and if $n = 2$, then $A = d^m B$ into $\frac{2m+1}{2m+4}$ into $\frac{2m-2}{2m+1} - \frac{1}{m+2} x^{m-1} y^3 - \frac{d}{m+1}$ into $\frac{2m+1}{2m+4} x^{m-2} y^3$. 4. That if y be put $= \sqrt{dx - xx}$, then A will $= Q - R + S - T$, &c. $\pm P$.

COROL. I.

If m be put $=$ to any Term of the following Series $-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, \frac{9}{2}$, &c. then the Quadrature of the Curve whose Ordinate is $x^m \sqrt{dx - xx}$, or $x^m \sqrt{dx + xx}$, will be expressed in finite Terms, and be found by our Series. To illustrate which by an Example or two; Let it be required to find the Area of a Curve whose Ordinate is $x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{dx - xx}$. Let us imagine this Curve to be compar'd with another Curve whose Ordinate is $x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{dx - xx}$. Now because in this case $n = 1$, therefore will $A = d^n B$ into $\frac{2m+1}{2m+4} - \frac{1}{m+2} x^{m-1} y^3$; but $m = -\frac{1}{2}$, therefore

fore $2m+1=o$, and therefore $A=\frac{1}{m+2}x^{m-1}y^3=-\frac{2y^3}{3\sqrt{x^3}}$.

It is here to be obſerv'd, that the Area thus found, is ſometimes deficient from the true Area, by a *given* Quantity, or exceeds it by that ſame given Quantity. And in order to find that *Defect* or *Exceſs*, let the Area found be ſuppos'd to be encreas'd or diminiſh'd, by a given Quantity q, and then putting $x=o$, let the Area increas'd or diminiſh'd, be ſuppos'd $=o$. Thus in the preſent caſe, we ſhall find $q=\frac{2}{3}d\sqrt{d}$, and conſequently $A=\frac{2}{3}d\sqrt{d}-\frac{2y^3}{3\sqrt{x^3}}$.

COROL. II.

If n be put equal to any Term of the following Series, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, &c. then the Quadrature of the Curve whoſe Ordinate is $x^{-n}\sqrt{dx-xx}$, or $x^{-n}\sqrt{dx+xx}$, is expreſſed in finite Terms, and is found by our Series.

Let the Area of the Curve be to be found, whoſe Ordinate is $x^{-3}\sqrt{dx-xx}$. Suppoſe it to be compared with the Area of a Circle, which call A. Then will $m=o$, $n=3$, and ſo $A=P-Q-R-S$. But ſince, in the Denominator of the third Term by which d^nB is multiplied, there is found $2m$,

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$2m$, a Quantity infinitely ſmall, or rather nothing; the Quantity expreſs'd by P is Infinite; and for the ſame reaſon the Quantity expreſs'd by $-S$ is Infinite, and ſo the Quantities A, $-Q$, $-R$, do vaniſh. Therefore $P=S$, and dividing the Equation by $\frac{2m+1}{2m+4}$ into $\frac{2m-1}{2m+2}$, we have d^nB into $\frac{2m-3}{2m} = \frac{dd}{m}x^{m-3}y^3$, or dB into $\frac{2m-3}{2} = ddx^{m-3}y^3$; and putting o and 3 for m and n, there will be dB into $-\frac{1}{2} = \frac{y^3}{x^3}$, or $B = -\frac{2y^3}{3x^3}$.

COROL. III.

If m be put equal to any Term of the following Series, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, &c. the Quadrature of the Curve, whoſe Ordinate is $x\sqrt[m]{dx-xx}$, depends upon the Quadrature of the Circle. But the Area of the Curve, whoſe Ordinate is $x\sqrt[m]{dx+xx}$, depends upon the Quadrature of the Hyperbola; and the relation of that Curve to the Circle of the Hyperbola, is exhibited by our Series in finite Terms.

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COROL. IV.

If m be expounded by any other Term, different from them already mention'd; the Curve whoſe Ordinate is $x\sqrt[m]{dx - xx}$, or $x\sqrt[m]{dx + xx}$, is neither exactly ſquar'd, nor does it depend upon the Circle or Hyperbola, but is reduced to a more ſimple Curve by our Series.

THEOR. II.

Let A be the Area of a Curve whoſe Abſciſſe is x, and Ordinate $\frac{x^m}{\sqrt{dx - xx}}$. Let B be the Area of a Curve whoſe Abſciſſe is the ſame with the former, but the Ordinate $\frac{x^{m-n}}{\sqrt{dx - xx}}$. Let $\sqrt{dx - xx} = y$. Then will

A =

$A = d^m B$ into $\frac{2m-1}{2m}$ into $\frac{2m-3}{2m-2}$ into $\frac{2m-5}{2m-4}$ into $\frac{2m-7}{2m-6}$ &c. $= P$.

$-\frac{1}{m} x^{m-1} y = -Q$.

$-\frac{d}{m-1}$ into $\frac{2m-1}{2m} x^{m-2} y = -R$.

$-\frac{dd}{m-2}$ into $\frac{2m-1}{2m}$ into $\frac{2m-3}{2m-2} x^{m-3} y = -S$.

$-\frac{d^3}{m-3}$ into $\frac{2m-1}{2m}$ into $\frac{2m-3}{2m-2}$ into $\frac{2m-5}{2m-4}$ $x^{m-4} y = -T$, &c.

The Obſervations to the firſt *Theorem*, take place here alſo, as in what follows.

COROL. I.

If m be put equal to any Term of the following Series, $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, \frac{2}{2}$, &c. the Quadrature of the Curve whoſe Ordinate is $\frac{x^m}{\sqrt{dx - xx}}$, or $\frac{x^m}{\sqrt{dx + xx}}$, is expreſſed in finite Terms, and exhibited by this Series.

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COROL. II.

If n be put equal to any Term of the following Series, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, &c. Every Curve whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^{-n}}{\sqrt{dx - xx}}$, or $\frac{x^{-n}}{\sqrt{dx + xx}}$, is squared by this Series in finite Terms.

COROL. III.

If m be expounded by any Term of the following Series, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, &c. the Curve whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^{m}}{\sqrt{dx - xx}}$, depends upon the Quadrature of the Circle. But the Curve whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^{m}}{\sqrt{dx + xx}}$, depends upon the Quadrature of the Hyperbola.

For if on the Center C, (*Fig.* 20.) the Diameter AB $= d$, the Circle AEB be described, and AD be taken $= x$, also erecting the Perpendicular DE, the Line CE be drawn. Then the Se-

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Sector AEC divided by $\frac{1}{8}dd$ is equal to the Area of the Curve whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^0}{\sqrt{dx-xx}}$. After the same manner, if on the Center C, and the Transverse Axis AB=d, the Equilateral Hyperbola AE be described, and taking AD=x, and erecting DE at right Angles, and joining CE, the Sector ACE divided by $\frac{1}{8}dd$ is equal to the Area of the Curve whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^0}{\sqrt{dx+xx}}$.

COROL. IV.

If m be equal to any Term, that does not fall into the foregoing Limitations, then the Curve whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^m}{\sqrt{dx\pm xx}}$, is neither exactly squar'd, nor does it depend upon the Circle or Hyperbola, but is reduced to a more simple Curve.

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THEOR. III.

Let A be the Area of a Curve whoſe Abſciſſe is x, and its Ordinate Applicate $x^{\frac{m}{}}\sqrt{rr-xx}$; let B be the Area of a Curve whoſe Abſciſſe is alſo x, and its Ordinate $x^{\frac{m-2n}{}}\sqrt{rr-xx}$.

Let $\sqrt{rr-xx}=y$. Then will $A=r^{n2}B$ into $\frac{m-1}{m+1}$ into $\frac{m-3}{m}$ into $\frac{m-5}{m-2}$ into $\frac{m-7}{m-4}$ &c.$=P$.

$-\frac{1}{m+2}\,x^{m-1}y^3=-Q.$

$-\frac{rr}{m}$ into $\frac{m-1}{m+2}\,x^{m-3}y^3=-R.$

$-\frac{r^4}{m-2}$ into $\frac{m-2}{m+2}$ into $\frac{m-3}{m}\,x^{m-5}y^3=-S.$

&c.

COROL. I.

If m be expounded by any Term of the following Series, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, &c. the Quadrature of the Curve whoſe Ordinate is $x^{\frac{m}{}}\sqrt{rr-xx}$, or $x^{\frac{m}{}}\sqrt{rr+xx}$, is had in finite Terms, and that by the help of this Theorem.

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COROL. II.

If n be expounded by any Term of the following Series, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, &c. then the Curve whose Ordinate is $x^{-2n}\sqrt{rr-xx}$, or $x^{-2n}\sqrt{rr+xx}$, is exactly squar'd by this Theorem.

COROL. III.

If m be expounded by any Term of the following Series, — 2, 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, &c. then the Quadrature of the Curve whose Ordinate is $x^{m}\sqrt{rr-xx}$, depends upon the Circle, but the Quadrature of the Curve whose Ordinate is $x^{m}\sqrt{rr+xx}$, depends upon the Hyperbola.

COROL. IV.

If m be expounded by any Term different from those already taken notice of; then the Curve whose Ordinate is $x^{m}\sqrt{rr-xx}$, or $x^{m}\sqrt{rr+xx}$, depends neither upon the Circle nor the Hyperbola, but is reduced to a more simple Curve.

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THEOR. IV.

Let A be the Area of a Curve whoſe Abſciſſe is x, and whoſe Ordinate is $\frac{x^m}{\sqrt{rr-xx}}$; let B be the Area of a Curve whoſe Abſciſſe is alſo x, and its Ordinate $\frac{x^{m-2n}}{\sqrt{rr-xx}}$. Then will $A = r^{2n}B$ into $\frac{m-1}{m}$ into $\frac{m-3}{m-4}$ into $\frac{m-5}{m-4}$ into $\frac{m-7}{m-6}$ &c. $= P$.

$-\frac{1}{m}x^{m-1}y = -Q$.

$-\frac{rr}{m-2}$ into $\frac{m-1}{m}x^{m-3}y = -R$.

$-\frac{r^4}{m-4}$ into $\frac{m-1}{m}$ into $\frac{m-3}{m-2}x^{m-5}y = -S$.

$-\frac{r^6}{m-6}$ into $\frac{m-1}{m}$ into $\frac{m-3}{m-2}$ into $\frac{m-5}{m-4}x^{m-7}y = -T$. &c.

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COROL. I.

If m be expounded by any Term of the following Series, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, &c. the Quadrature of the Curve, whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^m}{\sqrt{rr+xx}}$, is obtained in finite Terms by this Theorem.

COROL. II.

If n be expounded by any Term of the following Series, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, &c. the Curve, whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^{-2n}}{\sqrt{rr-xx}}$ or $\frac{x^{-2n}}{\sqrt{rr+xx}}$, is squar'd exactly by this Theorem.

COROL. III.

If m be expounded by any Term of the following Series, 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, &c. the Quadrature of the Curve, whose Ordinate is

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is $\frac{x}{\sqrt{rr-xx}}$, depends upon the Quadrature of the Circle. For if on the Center C, and the Radius CA=r, the Circle AEG be deſcrib'd, and taking CD=x, DE be erected perpendicular to CD, and CE be drawn; then the Sector CAE divided by $\frac{1}{2}rr$, is equal to the Area of the Curve, whoſe Ordinate is $\frac{x^0}{\sqrt{rr-xx}}$. In like manner, (*Fig.* 21.) if on the Center C, and the Semitranſverſe Axis CA=r, the Equilateral Hyperbola EAM be deſcrib'd, then drawing CF perpendicular to CA, equal to x, FE parallel to the Axis till it meets the Hyperbola in E, and join CE; then the Hyperbolical Sector ACE divided by $\frac{1}{2}rr$, is equal to the Area of the Curve, whoſe Ordinate is $\frac{x^0}{\sqrt{rr+xx}}$.

COROL. IV.

If m be expounded by any Term different from the foregoing, then the Curve, whoſe Ordinate is $\frac{x^m}{\sqrt{rx \pm xx}}$, is neither exactly

actly squar'd, nor does it depend upon the Circle or the Hpperbola, but is reduced to a more simple Curve.

THEOR. V.

Let A be the Area of a Curve, whose Abscisse is x, and its Ordinate $\frac{x^m}{d-x}$; let B be the Area of a Curve, whose Abscisse also is x, and its Ordinate $\frac{x^{m-n}}{d-x}$. Then will $A = d^n B - \frac{x^m}{m} - \frac{dx^{m-1}}{m-1} - \frac{ddx^{m-2}}{m-2}$ &c.

Let the Ordinate be $\frac{x^m}{d+x}$, and then the Area A will $= \frac{x^m}{m} - \frac{dx^{m-1}}{m-1} + \frac{ddx^{m-2}}{m-2}$ &c. $\mp d^n B$.

COROL.

If m be expounded by any Term of the following Series, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, &c. the Quadrature of the Curve, whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^m}{d-x}$ or $\frac{x^m}{d+x}$, depends upon the Quadrature

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ture of the Hyperbola. For (See *Fig.* 22.) drawing DE, EF at right Angles, take EG $=d$, and draw GH at right Angles to EF, and equal to it. Within the Asymptotes DE, EF, let an Hyperbola be describ'd, passing through the point H; which done, take GK$=x$, towards E in the first Case, and towards F in the second; and draw the Ordinate KL. Then the Area HGKL divided by dd, is equal to the Area of the Curve, whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^0}{d-x}$ or $\frac{x^0}{d+x}$. Hence the Solid generated by a Portion of the *Cissoid*, while it turns about the Diameter of the Generating Circle, is exhibited in finite Terms, supposing the Quadrature of the *Hyperbola.*

THEOR. VI.

Let A be the Area of a Curve, whose Abscisse is x, and Ordinate $\frac{x^m}{rr+xx}$; let B be the Area of a Curve, whose Abscisse is also x, and Ordinate $\frac{x^{m-2n}}{rr+xx}$. Then will the Area $A = \frac{x^{m-1}}{m-1} - \frac{rrx^{m-3}}{m-3} + \frac{r^4x^{m-5}}{m-5}$ &c. $\pm r^{2n}B$.

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COROL.

If m be expounded by any Term of the following Series, 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, &c. the Quadrature of the Curve, whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^m}{rr+xx}$, depends upon the Rectification of the Arch of a Circle. For describing the Circle AEG on the Center C, with the Radius CA$=r$, draw the Tangent AK$=x$, and join CK meeting the Periphery in E; then the Arch AE divided by rr is equal to the Area of the Curve, whose Ordinate is $\frac{x^0}{rr+xx}$.

General Corollaries *to these six* Theorems.

EVery Mechanick Curve (whose Quadrature depends upon any one of that Infinite Number of Curves, whose Ordinates have the following Forms, $x\sqrt[m]{dx \pm xx}$, $\frac{x^m}{\sqrt{dx \pm xx}}$, $x\sqrt[m]{rr \pm xx}$, $x\sqrt[m]{rr \pm xx}$, $\frac{}{d \pm x}$, $\left(\frac{x^m}{rr+xx}\right)$ may be squar'd by these Series. It may suffice to illustrate this by an Example.

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Supposing the Cube of the Arch of a Circle (corresponding to the versed Sine) to be the Ordinate of a Curve, whose Abscisse is the same versed Sine; let it be requir'd to find the Area of this Curve.

Let the Abscisse be x, the Circular Arch v; then the Fluxion of the Area is $\dot{v}^3\dot{x}$. Let the Area be $v^3\dot{x}-q$. Therefore $\dot{v}^3\dot{x}+3v^2\dot{v}\dot{x}-\dot{q}=\dot{v}^3\dot{x}$, whence $\dot{q}=3v^2\dot{v}\dot{x}$. But $\dot{v}=\frac{\dot{d}\dot{x}}{2\sqrt{dx-xx}}$, therefore $\dot{q}=\frac{3\dot{d}v^2\dot{x}\dot{x}}{2\sqrt{dx-xx}}$. But (by *Theor.* 2.) $\frac{\dot{x}\dot{x}}{\sqrt{dx-xx}}=\frac{\dot{d}\dot{x}}{2\sqrt{dx-xx}}-\dot{y}=\dot{v}-\dot{y}$; and consequently $\dot{q}=\frac{1}{2}\dot{d}v^2\dot{v}-\frac{1}{2}\dot{d}v^2\dot{y}$, therefore $q=\frac{1}{2}dv^3-s:\dot{d}v^2\dot{y}$. Therefore now we are come to this, that the Fluent, of the Expression $\frac{1}{2}\dot{d}v^2\dot{y}$, is to be found.

Let this Fluent be $\frac{1}{2}dv^2y-r$.

Therefore $\frac{1}{2}\dot{d}v^2\dot{y}+3\dot{d}v\dot{v}y-\dot{r}=\frac{1}{2}\dot{d}v^2\dot{y}$.

And consequently $\dot{r}=3\dot{d}v\dot{v}y=\frac{1}{2}\dot{d}\dot{d}v\dot{x}$.
Let $r=\frac{1}{2}\dot{d}\dot{d}vx-s$.

Therefore $\frac{1}{2}\dot{d}\dot{d}v\dot{x}=\frac{1}{2}\dot{d}\dot{d}vx+\frac{1}{2}\dot{d}\dot{d}x\dot{v}-\dot{s}$.

And

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And consequently $s = \frac{3}{2}ddxv = \frac{3d^3xx}{4\sqrt{dx - xx}}$ $= \frac{3}{4}d^3v - \frac{1}{4}d^3y$ (by *Theor.* 2.) Therefore now $s = \frac{3}{4}d^3v - \frac{1}{4}d^3y$. And consequently the Area sought, is $= v^3x - \frac{1}{2}dv^3 + \frac{1}{2}dv^2y - \frac{1}{2}ddvx + \frac{1}{4}d^3v - \frac{3}{4}d^3y$.

Since the Solids and Surfaces generated by the Rotations of Curve Lines, as also the Lengths of Curves, and the Centers of Gravity of all these, do depend upon the Quadratures of Curves; 'tis plain, that these are easily obtain'd too, if they depend upon the foremention'd Curves.

After I had compos'd these Theorems, and shewn them to the Celebrated Mr. *Newton*, (as the supream Judge in all Matters of this Nature) he was pleas'd to give me a sight of some Papers of his, by which I find that he has a long time been Master of a Method, by which any Trinomial Equation (expressing the Nature of a Curve) being given, that Curve is either squar'd, or reduced to a more simple one.

And 'twere to be wish'd, that he thought fit to communicate to the Publick, not only those Things which he has relating to these Matters, but others also of his Noble Inventions, which are not a small Number neither. And I believe this is not my Wish alone, but that of the whole Learned World besides.

I make no question but those Learned Persons (whose Writings in the *Acta Eruditorum* and

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and otherwhere, have tended so much to the Advancement of Mathematicks) have Methods not unlike to this of mine; and therefore I ascribe no more to my self in this Matter, than only that I found out these Theorems, not knowing whether any Body else had done so before or no; and reduced them into so easie a Form, that the whole Calculus relating to them, might be taken in, as it were, at one View.

But before I make an end of Writing, I think it improper, if (having not had an Opportunity sooner) I make some little reply to the Famous Mr. *Leibnitz*'s Animadversions upon my Series for finding the Root of an Infinite Equation.

That Excellent Person thinks this Series not to be General enough, as not reaching the Cases where z and y are multiplied into one another; upon which account he substitutes another Series in the room of it, which he asserts is infinitely more General. But that which led him into this small Mistake, I guess to be this, that he took the Quantities a, b, c, d, &c. for *given* Quantities, whereas they were to be us'd indifferently, either for *given* or *indeterminate* ones.

But I shall add one Example to shew that my Series extends to all Cases. Let the Equation be $nyz - z^3 = y^3$.

In our Theorem let $a = ny$, $b = o$, $c = -1$, $h = o$, $i = 1$, or rather let $g = yy$, $h = o$, $i = o$.

Then in either Case will $z = \frac{yy}{n} + \frac{y^5}{n^4} + \frac{3y^8}{n^7} + \frac{12y^{11}}{n^{10}}$ &c.

Two

Two Problems; viz. *concerning the Solid of Least Resistance, and the Curve of Swiftest Descent.*

Solv'd by J. Craig.

LEMMA.

TO find the Proportion between the Resistance made to the Rectangular Triangle AIG, and that made to the circumscrib'd Rectangle AIGg, while each moves in a Fluid, in the direction of the Line IA, from I towards X.

From any point B let there be drawn BC perpendicular to AG, Bb parallel to AI, and BM perpendicular to AI. Then in bB take $bH = \frac{CM^2}{BC}$ and $bE = BC$; and thro' the points *H* and *E*, draw the Lines HA, EA, which being produced cut Gg in *K* and *F*. I say the Resistance of the Triangle AIG is to the Resistance of the Rectangle AIGg, as the Area of the Triangle AKG, to the Area of the Triangle AFg. And also, that the Resistance upon any part of the Line AG, is to the Resistance upon the correspondent part of the Line Ag

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Ag (*ex. gr.* upon AB and Ab) as the Area AHB to the Area AEB. The Demonſtration of which depends upon a General Theorem, which I deduced very eaſily from *Prop.* 35. Newt. *p.* 324.

COROL. I.

Let BG, bg, be infinitely ſmall parts of the Lines AG, Ag, and let bB be produced to *L*; I ſay, that the Reſiſtance upon BG (which call *e*) is to the Reſiſtance upon bg (which call *E*) as $GL^2 : GB^2$.

For $e : E :: KHgb : FEgb$; that is, $e : E :: bg \times bH : bg \times bE$ (by the foregoing *Lemma*) therefore $e : E :: bH : bE$; that is, $e : E :: \frac{CM^2}{BC} : BC :: CM^2 : BC^2$. But $CM^2 : BC^2 :: GL^2 : GB^2$ (becauſe of the ſimilar Triangles BMC, GLB.) Therefore $e : E :: GL^2 : GB^2$. Q. E. D.

COROL. II.

The Reſiſtance upon the infinitely ſmall part GB, is $= \frac{GL^3}{GB^2}$. For if all the infinitely ſmall parts in the Line Ag (as bg) be ſuppos'd equal, then the Reſiſtance upon bg, may be expreſs'd by bg, that is $E = bg$, and ſo $E = GL$. Therefore (by *Cor.* 1.) $e : GL :: GL^2 : GB^2$, whence $e = \frac{GL^3}{GB^2}$. Q. E. D.

COROL.

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COROL. III.

Let r be the Radius, and c the Circumference of any Circle. I say, that the Resistance upon the Conick Surface generated by the Rotation of the Lineola GB about AI, is equal to the Product of $\frac{c \times BM}{r}$ into $\frac{GL^3}{GB^2}$. For the Resistance upon that Conick Surface, is equal to all the Resistances upon the Lineola GB, that is, to all the e; that is, equal to the Circumference of the Circle (whose Radius is BM) multiplied into e; that is, the Resistance upon that Conick Surface, is equal to $\frac{c \times BM}{r} \times e$, and consequently (by *Corol.* 2.) equal to $\frac{c \times BM}{r} \times \frac{GL^3}{GB^2}$.

Q. E. D.

PROB. I.

To find a Curve Line, by the Rotation of which a Round Solid shall be generated, that, while 'tis moved in a Fluid Medium, in the Direction of its Axis, shall meet with the least Resistance.

(*Fig.* 24.)

Let OG, GB, be two infinitely small Particles in the Curve sought, which rould about its Axis, will produce the Solid of

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leaſt Reſiſtance. Draw BM, GP, perpendicular to AQ, alſo BL, GN, parallel to AQ, and ON, parallel to BM.

Now $\frac{c \times BM \times GL^3}{r \times GB^2}$; is the Reſiſtance upon the Surface generated by the Rotation of the Lineola GB about AQ, and $\frac{c \times GP \times ON^3}{r \times GO^2}$, is the Reſiſtance upon the Surface generated OG, in like manner (by *Cor.* 3.) And the Sum of both theſe Reſiſtances muſt be a *Minimum*, viz.

$$\frac{c \times BM \times GL^3}{r \times GB^2} + \frac{c \times GP \times ON^3}{r \times OG^2} = \text{a } \textit{Minimum}.$$

And conſequently in the Line RS (ſo parallel to AQ that ON = GL) the point *G* is to be ſought, ſuch, that this may happen; which, ſuppoſing the points *O* and *B* to be fix'd, will be eaſily found by the common Method, *de Maximis & Minimis*. And proſecuting the Calculus, we ſhall come at laſt to this Equation, $\frac{BM \times BL}{BG^4} = \frac{GP \times NG}{OG^4}$; whence 'tis plain that $\frac{BM \times BL}{BG^4}$ = a conſtant Quantity. So that if the Abſciſſe AM = *x*, and the Ordinate BM = *y*, then will BL = *dx*, LG = *dy* (which I have ſuppos'd

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pos'd constant every where in this Calculus) and consequently $BG^2 = dx^2 + dy^2$, whence $\frac{ydx}{dxdx + dydy^2}$ = a constant Quantity. Let a be any constant Quantity, and consequently (to observe the Law of Homogeneals) we have $\frac{ydx}{dxdx + dydy^2} = \frac{a}{dy^3}$, as has been found by the Illustrious *L' Hospitall*, and the celebrated *Jo. Bernoulli.*

PROB. II.

To find the Line of Swiftest Descent.

(Fig. 25.)

Let BC, CD, be two infinitely small Particles in the Curve sought. Now this Curve ought to be of such a Nature, that, supposing a Body to have fallen from the Horizontal Line AQ, it may pass from *B* to *D* in the *shortest Time.* Therefore we are to find out the Point *C* (in the Line RS drawn in such a manner parallel to AQ, that the differences of the Ordinates GC, DE, may be equal) such that this may come to pass.

Now the Velocity in C is $\sqrt{LC}$, and that in D is $\sqrt{QD}$; therefore $\frac{BC}{\sqrt{LC}}$ is the Time

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of Deſcent thro' BC, $\frac{CD}{\sqrt{QD}}$ is the Time of Deſcent thro' CD (by *Prop.* 54. *pag.* 158. *Newt.*) Therefore the point C ought to be ſuch that $\frac{BC}{\sqrt{LC}} + \frac{CD}{\sqrt{QD}}$ may be a *Minimum.*

Suppoſing the points B and D to be fix'd, let the conſtant Quantities $GC = DE = m$, $LC = b$, $QD = p$; the *Indeterminate* Quantities $BG = u$, $CE = z$; whence

$$\frac{\sqrt{m^2 + u^2}}{\sqrt{b}} + \frac{\sqrt{m^2 + z^2}}{\sqrt{p}} = \text{a } \textit{Minimum.}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{u\,du}{\sqrt{b}\sqrt{m^2 + u^2}} + \frac{z\,dz}{\sqrt{p}\sqrt{m^2 + z^2}} = 0.$$

But $du = -dz$ (becauſe $v + z$ is conſtant) therefore

$$\frac{u}{\sqrt{b}\sqrt{m^2 + u^2}} = \frac{z}{\sqrt{p}\sqrt{m^2 + z^2}};$$ whence 'tis manifeſt that $\frac{u}{\sqrt{b}\sqrt{m^2 + u^2}}$ = a conſtant Quantity. Now let the Abſciſſe $AL = x$, the Ordinate $LC = y$, and to $BG = dx$, GC

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GC = dy, BC = $\sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2}$, and let a be any conſtant Quantity. Then ſhall $\frac{dx}{\sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}$, whence $dx\sqrt{a} = \sqrt{y} \times \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2}$. But now in all Curves, 'tis $dx : \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2} ::$ as the Subtangent, to the Tangent. Therefore the Nature of the Curve ſought is ſuch, that its Subtangent, is to the Tangent, as $\sqrt{a} : \sqrt{y}$, which that it is a Property of the *Cycloid*, is known to all, that know that the Tangent of the Cycloid, is parallel to the Chord of the Conterminal Arch, in the Generating Circle, whoſe Diameter is a, and whoſe Vertex is downwards.

And with the like eaſe, I can find the Curve of the *Swifteſt Deſcent*, in any other Hypotheſis of Gravity.

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The Quadrature of the Logarithmical Curve.

By J. Craig.

(Fig. 26.)

LET ONF be the Logarithmical Curve, whoſe Aſymptote is AR, in which let ſuch a point *A* be taken, as that the firſt Ordinate AO may be equal to the Subtangent or Unity. 'Tis requir'd to find the Area of the Curvilineal Space AONM comprehended under the two Ordinates AO, MN, the Abſciſſe AM, and the Curve ON. From *O* draw OE parallel to AM and cutting MN in *E*; I ſay, that the Rectangle under the Segments ME, EN, is equal to the Space ſought. *Demonſtration.* Let the Ordinate MN = Z, Subtangent AO or ME = s; and to the Axis AR let another Curve HGE be conſtructed, whoſe Equation ſhall be $2sz = x^2$, its Ordinate GM being = *x*. I ſay, that this Curve is the *Quadratix* of the Logarithmical Curve (according to the Principles of my Method) *viz.* its Subnormal is reſpectively equal to the Ordinate of this, as is plain from the Calculus of that Method. Therefore (according to what I have ſhewn in another place) if to the point *G* we draw GC perpendicular and equal to GM, as alſo HD parallel to GC, and meeting the Lines GM, CM, in B and D; then will the

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the Trapezium GBDC = AONM. But GBDC = GMC − BMD = $\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}BM^q$ = SZ − $\frac{1}{2}HA^q$; but HA = $\sqrt{2}$ AO^q from the Nature of the Curve HGQ, therefore GBDC = SZ − AO^q = $\overline{AO \times MN} - AO^q$ = $AO \times \overline{MN - AO}$ = ME × $\overline{MN - ME}$ = ME × EN. Therefore also AONM = ME × EN. Q. E. D.

When I applied my Method to these sort of Figures, I found that a Mistake had some way or other crept into M. *Bernoulli*'s Calculus. For in his most excellent Tract of the *Principles of the Differential Calculus*, he assigns to the Figure whose Equation is $a^2 = y^y$, this for its Quadrature, *viz.* $\frac{2yyly - yy}{la}$; whereas the Area of that Figure is $\frac{2yyly - yy}{4la}$; where y denotes the Abscisse and z the Ordinate.

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A Theorem concerning the Proportion of the Time that a heavy Body ſpends in deſcending thro' a right Line joining two given Points, to the (ſhorteſt) *Time, in which it paſſes from the one to the other of theſe Points, by the Arch of a Cycloid.*

THEOREM.

(*Fig.* 27.)

IN the Cycloid AVD, whoſe Baſis AD is parallel to the Horizon, and the Vertex V turn'd downwards, if from A be drawn the right Line AB meeting the Cycloid in any point as B, from whence is drawn BC perpendicular to the Curve of the Cycloid in B, and AC be let fall perpendicular to BC from the point A: Then the Time that a Body at reſt in A, ſpends in deſcending thro' AB (by the force of its Gravity) is to the Time that it ſpends in falling thro' the Curve AVB, as AB to AC.

Thro' B draw BL parallel to the Axis of the Cycloid VE, and BK parallel to the Baſis AD, meeting the Axis in G, and the Circle (whoſe Diameter is EV) in F and H, and the Cycloid it ſelf in K. Draw the right

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right Line EF, which from the Nature of the Cycloid is parallel to BC; whence BM is = EF, and EM = BF = the Arch VF from the Nature of the Cycloid; and consequently AM is = the Arch EHVF.

By *Proposition* 25. Part II. *Horolog. Oscillat. Hugen.* the Time in which a Body at rest in A describes the Cycloidal Arch AV, is to the Time of Descent thro' EV, as the half Circumference to the Diameter.

And (by the last *Proposition* of the forementionʼd *Part*) the Time of Descent thro' VB, after the Descent thro' AV (which is equal to the Time of Descent thro' KV, after the Descent thro' AK) is to the Time of Descent thro' AV, as the Arch VF, to the Semicircumference; and consequently to the Time of Descent thro' EV, as the Arch FV, to the Diameter. Wherefore the Time of describing the Curve AVB, is to the Time of Descent thro' EV, as the Arch EHVF, to the Diameter EV. But the Time of Descent thro' EV, is to the Time of Descent thro' LB or EG, as EV to EF. Therefore (*by Equality*) the Time of describing AVB, is to the Time of Descent thro' LB, as the Arch EHVF, to the Subtense EF, that is, as AM to MB. Again, the Time of Descent thro' LB, is to the Time of Descent thro' AB, as LB to AB. Therefore the Time of describing AVB, is to the Time of Descent thro' AB, in the Ratio compounded of AM to BM, and LB to BA, and consequently is equal to the Ratio of AM × LB to MB × BA.

But

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But AM × LB = MB × AC; and therefore the Time in which a Body at reſt in A, ſhall deſcribe the Cycloidal Arch AVB, is to the Time of deſcribing the right Line AB, as MB × AC to MB × BA; that is, as AC to AB. *Q. E. D.*

And the Demonſtration will proceed in like manner, if the point B be between A and V.

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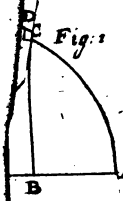

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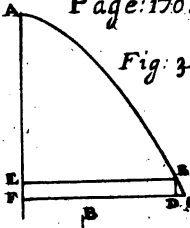

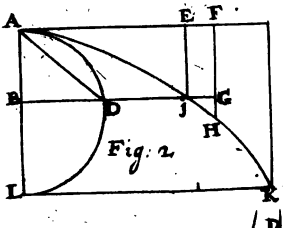

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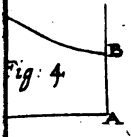

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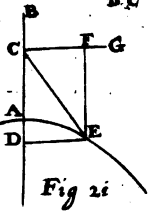

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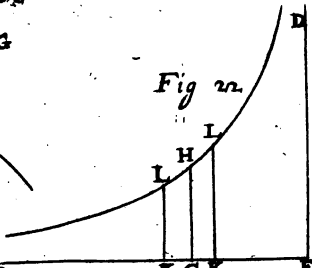

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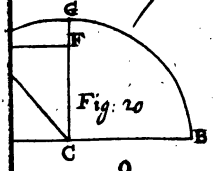

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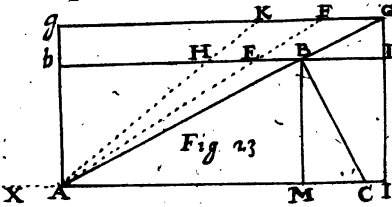

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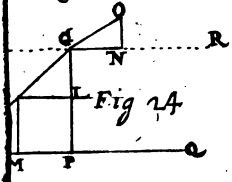

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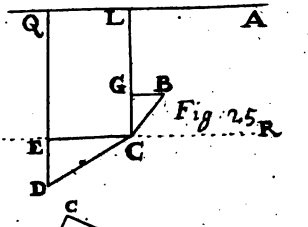

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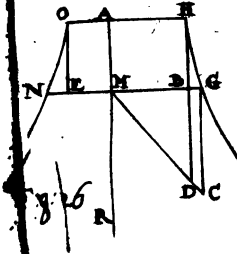

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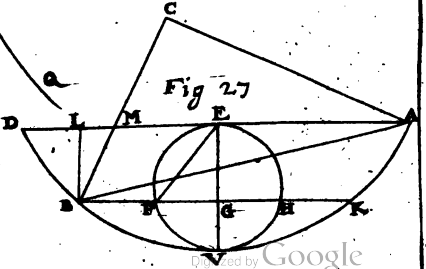

Fig 27

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An Extract of a Letter from the Reverend Dr. John Wallis, *to* Richard Waller, *Eſq; Secretary to the Royal Society, concerning the Spaces in the* Cycloid, *which are perfectly Quadrable.*

Oxford, *Auguſt* 22. 1695.

SIR,

I Find it is thought by moſt, that there is no other part of the *Semicycloid* Figure (adjacent to the Curve) that is capable of being Geometrically Squared, but theſe two, *viz.*

1. The Segment AbV, (*Fig.* 28.) taking $AV = \frac{1}{4} Aa$, (which was firſt obſerv'd by Sir *Chriſtopher Wren*, and after him by *Hugenius* and others) and it is $= \frac{1}{2} sR = \frac{1}{4} R^2 \sqrt{3}$.

2. The Trilinear AdD (taking dD, in the Parallel dDC, paſſing through the Center C,) which is $= R^2$.

But it is otherwiſe (as I have ſhewed in my Treatiſe, *De Cycloide*, and that, *De Motu*; the Figures of which latter I retain here, ſo far as they concern this Occaſion;) there being

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being other Portions of it, equally capable of Quadrature.

In order to which, I there shew (*De Motu*, Cap. 5. *Prop.* 20. *A.* p.802,803,804.) that not only the *Cycloid* is Triple to the Circle Generant, (which was known before) but that the *respective Parts* of that are Triple to those of this: Which is the Foundation on which I build my whole Process concerning the *Cycloid* in both Treatises, (and which is not pretended, that I know of, to have been observ'd or known by any Body before me:) That is, $b\beta\alpha A$ (*Fig.* 28.) Triple to the Sector $B\alpha A$ (taking $b\beta$ parallel to $B\alpha$) where-ever, in the Curve $A\tau$, we take the point b.

I then shew, that the *Cycloid* is a Figure compounded of these two; the Semicircle ADa, and the Trilinear $ADa\tau bA$, lying between the two Curves ADa and $Ad\tau$, (and therefore, to Square any part of these, is the same as to Square the respective part of the *Cycloid*.

I shew farther (*Ibidem*, pag. 804.) that this Trilinear is but a distorted Figure (by reason of the Semicircle thrust in between it and its Axis) which being restored to its due Position (by taking out the Semicircle into a different Figure, (as *Fig.* 29.) and thrusting the Lines bB home to the Axis, so as that BV be the same point) is the same with $A\tau a$, (*Fig.* 30.) (the Parallelograms $b\beta aB$ being set upright, which in the *Cycloid* stand sloping; and the Circular Arches $b\beta$, (*Fig.* 28.) becoming streight Lines (in *Fig.* 30.) and the Lines bB being, in both, equal to the respective

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ctive Arches $B\,A$, every where;) which therefore I call *Trilineum Restitutum* (the Trilinear restored to its due Position, which Figure I do not find that any before me has consider'd:) So that to Square any part of this, is the same as to Square the respective part of the *Cycloid*, (or of the Trilinear in the *Cycloid:*) That which in the *Cycloid* lies between two Arches of the Circle Generant in different Positions, answering to that which, in the restored Figure, lies between the respective streight Lines.

And therefore $A\,d\,D\,A$, $= \tau\,d\,\delta\,\tau$, (*Fig.*28.) $= A\,d\,D\,A = \tau\,d\,\delta\,\tau$, (*Fig.* 30.) $= R^2$. And $A\,b\,k\,d\,A$, $\tau\,b\,k\,\delta\,\tau$, (*Fig.* 28.) $= A\,b\,k\,d\,A$, $\tau\,b\,k\,\delta\,\tau$, (*Fig.*30.) $= s\,R$. And $b\,k\,d$ (*Fig.*28.) $= b\,k\,d$, (*Fig.* 30.) $= R^2 - s\,R$, Ibid. *Cap.* 17. *B. pag.* 756. Where, if b be taken above $d\,k\,D\,C$, (passing through the Center C) these Figures are within the *Cycloid*, and within the restored Figure; but without them, if b be taken below that Line, and adjacent to the Curve $A\,b\,\tau$, in both Cases.

By R, I understand the Radius of the Circle Generant; and by s, the Right Sine of the Arch $B\,A$, whose versed Sine is $V\,A$.

And, where-ever in my whole Discourse of the *Cycloid*, or the restored Trilinear (which is a Figure of Arches, and a Figure of versed Sines) the Arch a is no Ingredient in the designation; such part or portion of them is capable of being Geometrically squared. But when I exclude a, I do therein exclude P (for that is an Arch also) and $f = a + s$, and $e = a - s$, because a is therein included.

Mr.

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Mr. *Caſwell*, (not being aware that I had ſquared theſe Figures) had done the ſame by a Method of his own, (which he ſhewed me lately) which I would have inſerted here, but that he thought it not neceſſary; and inſtead thereof, hath given me the Quadrature of a Portion of the *Epicycloid* (which you will receive with this) and, I think, it is purely new.

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The Quadrature of a Portion of the Epicycloid.

By Mr. Caswell.

(Fig. 31.*)*

SUppose DPV to be half of an exterior Epicycloid, VB its Axis, V the Vertex, VLB half of the Generant Circle, E its Center; DB the Base, C its Center: Bisect the Arc of the Semicircle VB in L, and on the Center C through L draw a Circle cutting the Epicycloid in P: Then I say the Curvilinear Triangle VLP will be $= BEq$ in $\frac{CE}{CB}$; that is, the Square of the Semidiameter of the Generant Circle will be to the Curvilinear Triangle VLP, as CB the Semidiameter of the Base, to CE; which CE in the exterior Epicycloid is the Sum of the Semidiameters of the Base and Generant, but in the interior Epicycloid Dpu, 'tis the difference of the said Semidiameters.

COROLLARY.

In the interior Epicycloid, if CE is $\frac{1}{2}CB$, the Epicycloid then degenerating into a right Line, the Quadrature of the Triangle lup will be in effect the same with the Quadrature of *Hippocrates Chius.*

COROL.

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COROL. II.

If the Semidiameter of the Baſe is ſuppoſed infinite, the Epicycloid then being the common Cycloid, the Area of the ſaid Triangle will be equal to the Square of the Radius of the Generant, and ſo it falls in with that Theorem which *Lalovera* found, and calls *Mirabile.*

Though I do not think the aboveſaid Quadrature can eaſily be deduced from what has been yet publiſhed of the Epicycloid, I have not added the Demonſtration; but think it enough to name a general Propoſition from whence I deduced it, *viz.* The Segments of the Generant Circle are to the Correſpondent Segments of the Epicycloid, as CB to $2CE + CB$. For Example, ſuppoſe FmG the Poſition of part of the Generant when the point F of the exterior Cycloid was deſign'd, then the Segment $FmGn$ is to the Segment $DFnG$ :: as CB to $2CE + CB$.

And conſequently the whole Epicycloid to the whole Generant in the ſame Proportion: Which is the only Caſe demonſtrated by Mouſieur *De la Hire.*

It follows alſo that in the Vulgar Cycloid, its Segments are triple of the Correſpondent Sectors of the Generant, which was firſt ſhewn by Dr. *Wallis.*

A General

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A General Proposition shewing the Dimension of the Areas in all those kinds of Curves which are describ'd by the Equable Revolution of a Circle upon any Basis, either a Rectilineal or a Circular one.

By Edm. Halley.

'TIS known that the *Primary Cycloid*, as also the *Prolate*, and the *Contracted* one (which they call *Trochoids*) have been largely handled by the Celebrated Dr. *Wallis* and others, and their Properties are now common enough; so that there's scarce any thing new left to be discover'd concerning them. But the famous M. *De Lattire* in a late Treatise, having shewn some of the Properties of the *Primary Epicycloid*, the most Ingenious Mr. *Caswell* did upon that occasion not only demonstrate that the Mensuration of the whole Epicycloidal Space, obtain'd also in the parts of the same, but also gave a perfect Quadrature of the Curvilineal Space UPL. But while I was enquiring after the Demonstration of this Quadrature, which is not very obvious, nor as yet given by the Inventour, I light upon the following general

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Proposition, by the help of which all sorts of Curvilineal Spaces, as well of the Cycloidal as Epicycloidal kind, as well the whole Spaces as the parts, are measur'd. And further, not only the Spaces VPL, but also innumerable others, QTP and VQTL, are demonstrated to be capable of an exact Quadrature; and this not only in the *Primary* Epicycloids, but but also in the *Prolate* and contracted ones.

The Proposition is as follows.

Proposition.

The Area of any Cycloid or Epicycloid, either Primary, Prolate, or Contracted, is to the Area of the Generating Circle, and also the Areas of the generated parts in those Curves, are to the Areas of the Analogous Segments of the Circle; as the Sum of twice the Velocity of the Center, and the Velocity of the Circular Motion, to the Velocity of the Circular Motion.

Demonstration.

(*Fig.* 32.)

Let YPQRSUB be any Epicycloid describ'd by the Revolution of the Circle ULB, upon the Circular Basis YMNB. Let the Center of the Generating Circle be, in *c*, and drawing cMK, let the Circle stand upon the Basis in the point M, and let the describing point be S. Now distinguishing the Motions, let the point S first of all be carried by the Circular Motion into R, so that the Arch SM

SM is increased by the indivisible Particle RS. Next suppose the Center c to be transferr'd to C; by which Motion the Segment RSM being brought into the Position QTN, the point Q will touch the Curve. 'Tis plain that the Triangle RSM is the Momentum or Fluxion of the Segment of the Circle, and that the Trapezium QSMN is the Fluxion of the Curvilineal Space generated in the same time. And since SM, RM, QM, are suppos'd to differ but by a *point* from one another, let the little Area QSMN be conceiv'd to consist of the three Sectors RMS, RMQ, MQN; and so the little Area RMS to be to the little Area QSMN, as the Angle RSM to the Sum of the three Angles RMS+RMQ+MQN. But the Angles RMQ+MQN, are equal to the Angles MCN + MKN, or to the Angle cMC; because of the Lines RM, QN, inclin'd to one another in an Angle equal to MKN, and because of the Angle MQN equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ MCN (by *Eucl.* 3. 20.) consequently the Angle RMS is to the Angles RMS + cMC, that is (by the same *Proposition* mention'd) the Arch $\frac{1}{2}$ RS to the two Arches Cc + $\frac{1}{2}$ RS, or RS to 2Cc + RS, as the little Area RSM, to the little Area QSMN, or as the Momentum of the Circular Segment QTN, to the Momentum of the Epicycloidal Segment QSYMN generated in the same time. And since these Momenta are ever in that same Ratio, where-ever the point Q be taken, 'tis manifest that the Areas QTN, QSMYN themselves, generated from these Momenta, have also the same constant Ratio, *viz.* of

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the Velocity of the Circular Motion RS, to double the Velocity of the Center, adding the Circular Motion, or 2Cc + RS: As alſo the Area UBZ to the Area QUBN, and conſequently the Semicircle ULB to the Curvilineal Space UQYNB. Wherefore the *Propoſition* is manifeſt.

And there is no other difference in the manner of demonſtrating, if the generating Circle moves upon the Concave ſide of the Arch, except only that the Angle cMC, in this caſe, is the *difference* of the Angles MCN, MKN. But if the Baſis were a right Line, then MKN vaniſhing, and RM, QN, being parallel, the Conſtruction will be eaſier. I forbear drawing Corollaries from this Propoſition, ſince they are obvious. But now in all theſe Curves, the Portions that are Analogous to thoſe Portions which Doctor *Wallis* has found capable of a perfect Quadrature in the Primary Cycloid, are here alſo equally ſquarable; which eaſily follows from what has been ſaid.

Upon the Center K, thro' the point Q, draw the Circular Arch QZ, and draw ZB cutting off the Segment ZLB = the Segment QTN. Then biſect the Semicircle UB in L, and thro' the point L and on the Center K, deſcribe the Arch PL cutting the Epicycloid in P, the generating Circle in T, and the Chords QN, ZB, in y and X. Let the Arch VZ = a, its Sine = s, the Radius of the generating Circle = r, the Radius of the Baſe = R, and the Arch CE or the Motion of the Center = m. It is plain that the Sector CKE, is to the Space XyNB, as the

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Square of KE, to the difference of the Squares of KL and KB, or as RR + 2Rr + rr, to 2Rr + 2rr, that is, as R + r, to 2r, or KE to BV. And conſequently the Rectangle BE × CE or rm is equal to the Space XyNB. But the Space VZB is equal to the Rectangle $\frac{1}{2}$ ar + $\frac{1}{2}$ sr, and ſo according to our *Propoſition* it will be as *a* to 2*m*, ſo $\frac{1}{2}$ ar + $\frac{1}{2}$ sr, to $\frac{mar+msr}{a}$ equal to the Curvilineal Space QUZLBNQ. From hence ſubſtract the Space XyNB = rm, and there remains the Space QUZXy = $\frac{mrs}{a}$. And ſince the Spaces ZXL, QyT, are equal, the Space QULTQ ſhall alſo be equal to $\frac{mrs}{a}$. Therefore when *a* to *m*, or the Circular Motion is to the Progreſſive Motion of the Center, in a given Ratio, there will be a perfect Quadrature of the Curvilineal Spaces QULTQ. And the whole Space UPL, will be to the Square of the Radius BE, in the ſame Ratio (m to a) of the Motions, that is in every Primary Epicycloid, in the Proportion of the Radii, KE, KB, which is Mr. *Caſwell*'s Propoſition.

But the leſſer Spaces QULTQ will be to one another, as the Sines of the Arches UZ; and the Triangular Spaces QTP, by the ſame Argument, will be as the verſed Sines of the Arches QT or ZL, and conſequently are alſo ſquar'd. After the ſame manner it will be prov'd, that the Spaces pAT, pLu, pAT, are ever to the Square of the Radius BE

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(in all theſe Figures) in the aforeſaid Ratio of m to a; and their Portions pqt, as the verſed Sines of the intercepted Arches qt; but the remaining Segments as qtτλ, qtτλ, &c. will be as the right Sines of the Compliments of the ſame Arches qt.

But the Ratio of the Velocities, m to a, is compounded of the Ratio of the Radii KB, BE, and the Ratio of the Angles CKE, VEZ, equably deſcrib'd together; and conſequently giving that Ratio of the Angles, all the forementionⁿd Epicycloidal Spaces will be ſquar'd alſo.

I can eaſily draw Tangents to all theſe Curves, as alſo I ſeem to my ſelf to have gotten their Rectifications, from ſome Areas Analogous to them; which may give occaſion to a more particular handling of this Family of Curves another time.

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A Method of Raising an infinite Multinomial to any given Power, or Extracting any given Root of the same.

By Mr. A. De Moivre.

'TIS about two Years since, that considering Mr. *Newton*'s Theorem for Raising a Binomial to any given Power, or Extracting any Root of the same; I enquir'd, whether what he had done for a Binomial, could not be done for an infinite Multinomial. I soon found the thing was possible, and effected it, as you may see in the following Paper; I design in a little time to shew the Uses it may be applied to: In the mean while, those that are already vers'd in the Doctrine of Infinite Series, and have seen what Applications Mr. *Newton* has made of his Theorem, may of themselves derive several Uses from this.

I suppose that the Infinite Number Multinomial is $az + bzz + ez^3 + dz^4 + ez^5$, &c. m is the Index of the Power, to which this Multinomial ought to be Rais'd, or if you will, 'tis the Index of the Root which is to be Extracted: I say that this Power or Root of the Multinomial, is such a Series as I have expres't.

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For the understanding of it, it is only necessary to consider all the Terms by which the same Power of z is multiplied; in order thereto I distinguish two things in each of these Terms; First, The Product of certain Powers of the Quantities, a, b, c, d, &c. Secondly, The *Uncia* (as *Oughtred* calls 'em) prefixt to these Products. To find all the Products belonging to the same Power of z, to that Product, for instance, whose Index is $m+r$ (where r may denote any integer Number) I divide these Products into several *Classes*; those which immediately after some certain Power of a (by which all these Products begin) have b, I call *Products* of the first *Classis*; For *Example*, $a^{m-4}b^3e$ is a Product of the first *Classis*, because b immediately follows a^{m-4}; those which immediately after some *Power* of a have c, I call Products of the second *Classis*, so $a^{m-3}ccd$ is a Product of the second *Classis*; those which immediately after some Power of a have d, I call Products of the third *Classis*, and so of the rest.

This being done, I multiply all the Products belonging to z^{m+r-1} (which precedes immediately z^{m+r}) by b and divide 'em all by a; Secondly, I multiply by c and divide by a, all the Products belonging to z^{m+r-2}, except those of the first *Classis*; Thirdly, I multiply by d and divide by a all the Products belonging to z^{m+r-3}, except those of the first and second *Classis*; Fourthly, I multiply by e and divide by a all the Terms belonging

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longing to z^{m+r-4}, except those of the first, second, and third *Classis*, and so on, till I meet twice with the same Term. Lastly, I add to all these Terms the Product of a^{m-1} into the Letter whose *Exponent* is $r+1$.

Here I must take notice that by the Exponent of a Letter, I mean the Number which expresses what Place the Letter has in the *Alphabet*, so three is the Exponent of the Letter *c* because the Letter *c* is the third in the *Alphabet*.

It is evident that by this Rule, you may easily find all the Products belonging to the several Powers of *z*, if you have but the Product belonging to z^m, *viz.* a^m.

To find the *Uncia* which ought to be prefixt to every Product, I consider the Sum of Units contain'd in the Indices of the Letters which compose it (the Index of *a* excepted) I write as many Terms of the Series $m \times m-1 \times m-2 \times m-3$, &c. as there are *Units* in the Sum of these Indices, this Series is to be the Numerator of a Fraction, whose Denominator is the Product of the several Series $1\times2\times3\times4\times5$, &c. $1\times2\times3\times4\times5$, &c. $1\times2\times3\times4\times5\times6$, &c. the first of which contains as many Terms as there are *Units* in the Index of *b*, the second as many as there are *Units* in the Index of *c*, the third as many as there are *Units* in the Index of *d*, the fourth as many as there are *Units* in the Index of *e*, &c.

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Demonſtration.

To raiſe the Series $az + bzz + cz^3 + dz^4$, &c. to any Power whatſoever, write ſo many Series equal to it as there are *Units* in the Index of the Power demanded. Now it is evident that when theſe Series are ſo multiplied, there are ſeveral Products in which there is the ſame Power of z, thus if the Series $az + bzz + cz^3 + dz^4$, &c. is rais'd to its Cube, you have the Products b^3z^6, $abcz^6$, $aadz^6$, in which you find the ſame Power z^6 Therefore let us conſider what is the Condition that can make ſome Products to contain the ſame Power of z, the firſt thing that will appear in relation to it, is that in any Product whatſoever, the Index of z is the Sum of the particular Indices of z in the multiplying Terms (this follows from the Nature of Indices) thus b^3z^6 is the Product of bz^2, bz^2, bz^2, and the Sum of the Indices in the multiplying Terms, is $2 + 2 + 2 = 6$; $abcz^6$ in the Product of az, bzz, cz^3, and the Sum of them Indices of z in the multiplying Terms is $1 + 2 + 3 = 6$ $aadz^6$ is the Product of az, az, dz^4, and the Sum of the Indices of z in the multiplying Terms is $1 + 1 + 4 = 6$; the next thing that appears is, that the Index of z in the multiplying Terms is the ſame with the Exponent of the Letter to to which z is join'd, from which two Conſiderations it follows, that, *To have all the Products belonging to a certain Power of* z, *you muſt find all the Products where the Sum of the Exponents*

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ponents of the Letters which compose 'em shall always be the same with the Index of that Power. Now this is the Method I use to find easily all the Products belonging to the same Power of z, Let $m+r$ be the Index of that Power, I consider that the Sum of the Exponents of the Letters which compose these Products must exceed by one those which belong to m^{m+r-1}, now because the Excess of the Exponent of the Letter b above the Exponent of the Letter a, is one, it follows that if each of the Products belonging to z^{m+r-1} is multiplied by b, and divided by a, you will have Products the Sum of whose Exponents will be $m+r$; Likewise the Sum of the Exponents of the Letters which compose the Products belonging to z^{m+r} exceeds by two the Sum of the Exponents of the Letters which compose the Products belonging to z^{m+r-2}; Now because the Exponent of the Letter a is less by two than the Exponent of the Letter c, it follows, that if each Product belonging to z^{m+r-2} is multiplied by c and divided by a, you will have other Products, the Sum of whose Exponents is still $m+r$; Now if all the Products belonging to z^{m+r-2} were multiplied by c and divided by a, you would have some Products that would be the same as some of those found before, therefore you must except out of 'em those that I have call'd Products of the first *Classis*; what I have said shows why all the Products belonging to z^{m+r-3}, except those of the first and second *Classis* must be

be multiplied by d and divided by a: Lastly you see the Reason why to all these Products is added the Product of a^{m-1} by the Letter whose Exponent is $r+1$; 'Tis because the Sum of the Exponents is still $m+r$.

As for what relates to the *Uncia*; observe that when you multiply $az+bzz+cz^3+dz^4$, &c. by $az+bzz+cz^3+dz^4$, &c. each Letter a, b, c, d, &c. of the second Series is multiplied by each of the Letters a, b, c, d, &c. of the first Series; Thus the Letter a of the second Series is multiplied by the Letter b of the first, and the Letter b of the second Series is multiplied by the Letter a of the first; therefore you have the two Planes, ab, ab or $2ab$; for the same reason you have $2ac$, $2ad$, &c. Therefore you must prefix to each Plane of those that compose the Square of the infinite Series $az+bzz+cz^3$, &c. the Number which expresses how many ways the Letters of each Plane may be changed; likewise if you multiply the Product of the two preceeding Series by $az+bzz+cz^3$, &c. each Letter a, b, c, d, of the third Series is multiplied by each of the Planes form'd by the Product of the first and second Series; Thus the Letter a is multiplied by the Planes bc and cb; the Letter b is multiplied by ac and ca; the Letter c is multiplied by ab and ba; therefore you have the six Solids, abc, acb, bac, bca, cab, cba, or $6abc$; Therefore you must prefix to each Solid whereof the Cube of the infinite Series is compos'd, the Number which expresses how many ways the Letters of each Solid may be changed. And gene-

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generally, *You must prefix to any Product whereof any Power of the infinite Series* $az + bzz + cz^3$, &c. *is compos'd the Number which expresses how many ways the Letters of each Product may be changed.*

Now to find how many ways the Letters of any Product, for instances $a^{m-n} b^h c^p d^r$ may be changed; this is the Rule which is commonly given: Write as many Terms of the Series $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5$, &c. as there are Units in the Sum of the Indices, *viz.* $m - n + h + p + r$, let this Series be the Numerator of a Fraction whose Denominator shall be the Product of the Series $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5$, &c. $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5$, &c. $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6$, &c. $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5$, &c. whereof the first is to contain as many Terms, as there are Units in the first Index $m - n$; the second as many as there are Units in the second Index h; the third as many as there are Units in the third Index p; the fourth as many as there are Units in the fourth Indexs r. But the Numerator and Denominator of this Fraction have a common Divisor, *viz.* the Series $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5$, &c. continued to so many Terms as there are Units in the first Index $m - n$; therefore let both this Numerator and Denominator be divided by this common Divisor, then this new Numerator will begin with $m - n + 1$, whereas t'other began with 1, and will contain so many Terms as there are Units in $h + p + r$, that is, so many as there are Units in the Sum of all the Indices, excepting the first; as for the new Denominator, it will be the Product of three

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three Series only, that is, of ſo many as their Indices, excepting the firſt. But if it happens withal, that n be equal to $h + p + r$ as it always happens in our *Theorem*, then the Numerator beginning by $m - n + 1$, and being continued to ſo many Terms as there are Units in $h + p + r$ or n, the laſt Term will be m neceſſarily, ſo if you invert the Series and make that the firſt Term which was the laſt, the Numerator will be $m \times m - 1 \times m - 2 \times m - 3$, &c. continued to ſo many Terms as there are Units in the Sum of the Indices of each Product, exceping the firſt Index. There remains but one thing to demonſtrate, which is, that, what I have ſaid of Powers whoſe Index is an Integer, may be adapted to Roots, or Powers whoſe Index is a Fraction; but it appears at firſt ſight why it ſhould be ſo: For, the ſame Reaſon which makes me conſider Roots under the Notion of Powers, will make me conclude, that whatever is ſaid of one may be ſaid of t'other; however, I think ſometime to give a more formal Demonſtration of it.

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A Method of Extracting the Root of an Infinite Equation.

By A. De Moivre, *F.R.S.*

THEOREM.

IF $az+bzz+cz^3+dz^4+ez^5+fz^6$, &c. $= gy+hyy+iy^3+ky^4+ly^5+my^6$, &c. then will

$$z \text{ be} = \frac{g}{a}y + \frac{h-bAA}{a}y^2$$

$$+\frac{i-2bAB-cA^3}{a}y^3$$

$$+\frac{k-bBB-2bAC-3cAAB-dA^4}{a}y^4$$

$$+\frac{l-2bBC-2bAD-3cABB-3cAAC-4dA^3B-eA^5}{a}y^5$$

$$+\frac{m-2bBD-bCC-2bAE-cB^3-6cABC-3cAAD-6dAABB-4dA^3C-5eA^4B-fA^6}{a}y^6, \text{ &c.}$$

For the underſtanding of this Series, and in order to continue it as far as we pleaſe; it is to be obſerv'd, 1. That every Capital Letter is equal to the Coefficient of each pre-

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preceding Term; thus the Letter B is equal to the Coefficient $\frac{b-bAA}{a}$. 2. That the Denominator of each Coefficient is always a. 3. That the first Member of each Numerator, is always a Coefficient of the Series $gy+hyy+iy^3$, &c. *viz.* the first Numerator begins with the first Coefficient g, the second Numerator with the second Coefficient h, and so on. 4. That in every Member after the first, the Sum of the Exponents of the Capital Letters, is always equal to the Index of the Power to which this Member belongs: Thus considering the Coefficient $\frac{k-bBB-2bAC-3cAAB-dA^4}{n}$, which belongs to the Power y^4, we shall see that in every Member bBB, $2bAC$, $3CAAB$, dA^4, the Sum of the Exponents of the Capital Letters is 4, (where I must take notice, that by the Exponent of a Letter, I mean the Number which expresses what Place it has in the Alphabet; thus 4 is the Exponent of the Letter *D.*) hence I derive this Rule for finding the Capital Letters of all the Members that belong to any Power; *Combine the Capital Letters as often as you can make the Sum of their Exponents equal to the Index of the Power to which they belong.* 5. That the Exponents of the small Letters, which are written before the Capitals, express how many Capitals there is in each Member. 6. That the Numerical Figures or *Uncia* that occur in these Members, express the Number of Permutations

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tions which the Capital Letters of every Member are capable of.

For the Demonstration of this; suppose $z = Ay + Byy + Cy^3 + Dy^4$, &c. Substitute this Series in the room of z, and the Powers of this Series, in the room of the Powers of z; there will arise a new Series; then take the Coefficients which belong to the several Powers of y, in this new Series, and make them equal to the corresponding Coefficients of the Series $gy + hyy + iy^3$, &c. and the Coefficients A, B, C, D, &c. will be found such as I have determin'd them.

But if any one desires to be satisfied, that the Law by which the Coefficients are form'd, will always hold, I'll desire 'em to have recourse to the Theorem I have given for raising an infinite Series to any Power, or extracting any Root of the same; for if they make use of it, for taking successively the Powers of $Ay + Byy + Cy^3$, &c. they will see that it must of necessity be so. I might have made the Theorem I give here, much more General than it is; for I might have suppos'd, $az^m + bz^{m+1} + cz^{m+2}$ &c. $= gy^m + hy^{m+1} + iy^{m+2}$ &c. then all the Powers of the Series $Ay + Byy + Cy^3$, &c. design'd by the universal Indices, must have been taken successively; but those who will please to try this, may easily do it, by means of the *Theorem for raising an infinite Series to any Power*, &c.

This *Theorem* may be applied to what is called the Reversion of Series, such as finding the Number from its Logarithm given; the Sine from the Arc; the Ordinate of an

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Ellipſe from an Area given to be cut from any Point in the Axis: But to make a particular Application of it, I'll ſuppoſe we have this Problem to ſolve; *viz.* The Chord of an Arc being given, to find the Chord of another Arc, that ſhall be to the firſt as n to 1. Let y be the Chord given, z the Chord required; now the Arc belonging to the Chord y is, $y + \frac{y^3}{6dd} + \frac{3y^5}{40d^4} + \frac{5y^7}{112d^6}$ &c. and the Arc belonging to the Chord z is $z + \frac{z^3}{6dd} + \frac{3z^5}{40d^4} + \frac{5z^7}{112d^6}$ &c. the firſt of theſe Arcs is to the ſecond as 1 to n; therefore multiplying the Extreams and Means together, we ſhall have this Equation:

$$z + \frac{z^3}{6dd} + \frac{3z^5}{40d^4} + \frac{5z^7}{112d^6} \text{ &c.} = ny + \frac{ny^3}{6dd} + \frac{3ny^5}{40d^4} + \frac{5ny^7}{112d^6} \text{ &c.}$$

Compare theſe two Series with the two Series of the *Theorem*, and you will find $a=1$, $b=0$, $c=\frac{1}{6dd}$, $d=0$, $e=\frac{3}{40d^4}$, $f=0$, &c. $g=n$, $h=0$, $i=\frac{n}{6dd}$, $k=0$, $l=\frac{3n}{40d^4}$, $m=0$, &c. hence z will be $=ny + \frac{n-n^3}{6dd}y^3$ &c. or $ny + \frac{1-nn}{2 \times 3dd}yyA$, &c. Suppoſing A to

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to denote the whole preceding Term, which will be the ſame Series as Mr. *Newton* has firſt found.

By the ſame Method, this general Problem may be ſolv'd; the Abſciſſe correſponding to a certain Area in any Curve being given, to find the Abſciſſe, whoſe correſponding Area ſhall be to the firſt in a given Ratio.

The Logarithmick Series might alſo be found without borrowing any other Idea, than that Logarithms are the Indices of Powers: Let the Number, whoſe Logarithm we inquire, be $1+z$, ſuppoſe its Log. to be $az+bzz+cz^3$, &c. Let there be another Number $1+y$; thereof its Logarithm will be $ay+byy+cy^3$, &c. Now if $1+z=\overline{1+y}^{n}$, it follows, that $az+bzz+cz^3$, &c. $ay+byy+cy^3$, &c. :: n, 1. that is, $az+bzz+cz^3$, &c. $=nay+nbyy+ncy^3$, &c. Therefore we may find a Value of z expreſt by the Powers of y; again, ſince $1+z=\overline{1+y}^{n}$, therefore $z=\overline{1+y}^{n}-1$, that is, $z=ny+\frac{n}{1}\times\frac{n-1}{2}yy+\frac{n}{1}\times\frac{n-1}{2}\times\frac{n-2}{3}y^3$, &c. Therefore z is doubly expreſt by the Powers of y. Compare theſe two Values together, and the Coefficients a, b, c, &c. will be determin'd, except the firſt a which may be taken at pleaſure, and gives accordingly, all the different Species of Logarithms.

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An Experiment of the Refraction of the Air made at the Command of the Royal Society, March 28. 1699.

By J. Lowthorp, *A. M.*

WE took a Cylinder of Cast-Brass (*Fig.* 33.) ABCD, and cut one end of it CD perpendicular to the Axis *ax*, the other end AB enclin'd to it at an Angle of about 27°. 30′. and therefore the Perpendicular to this enclining plain, *pc*, and the Axis of the Cylinder *ax* comprehended an Angle *pca* of about 62*o*. 30*d*. These ends were groun'd very true upon a Glass-Grinder's Brass-Tool, and each of them was compast about with a narrow Ferule of thin Brass *bbbb*. Into the upper side of the Cylinder at E was solder'd the Brass-Pipe EF, and into the under side at 6 the other Brass-Pipe GH; the former of these Pipes being about 3 Inches long, and the latter 6 Inches. Upon the Plate *ddd* were fixt to two other Plates LL perpendicular to it and parallel to each other. Each of these two Plates had an Arch of a Circle (equal to the Circumference of the Cylinder) cut out of its upper Edge, so that when the Pipe GH was let through a hole near the middle of the Plate *ddd*, the Cylinder fell into the Arches; and being fasten'd there with Soder, the Axis *ax* laid parallel to the Plate *ddd* and about an Inch and half

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half above it. The perpendicular End of the Cylinder DC was clos'd with an Object Glaſs of a ſeventy ſixth Foot Teleſcope *oo*; and the other end AB, with a well poliſh'd flat Glaſs *ff*; which was carefully choſen to tranſmit the Object diſtinct enough notwithſtanding its Obliquity to the Viſual Rays. The Ferules were well fill'd with Cement round about the Edges of the Glaſs, and they laid flat and every where touch'd the ſmooth Ends of the Cylinder, that they might firmly reſiſt the preſſure of the excluded Air.

Inſtead of a Ciſtern (as in the Torricellian Experiment) we made uſe of the Inverted Siphon of Braſs *(Fig.* 34.) MNO, ſoder'd to the Plate *ggg*. One of the ſides MN ſtood perpendicular to the Plate, and the other ſide NO enclin'd to it, and was ſupported near the upper end O with a little prop *k k*.

We then plac'd the Cylinder (as in *Fig.*35.) upon a Table which was well faſten'd to a firm Floor; the Pipe GH was let through a hole, and the Axis laid almoſt parallel to the ſides of the Table, and the Plate *ddd* was nail'd down to it. The Tube of the Teleſcope *ff*, with the Eye-glaſs, was apply'd to the Object Glaſs, and a Hair fix'd within it at the common Focus of both Glaſſes in the Axis of the Cylinder continu'd, x. Upon the Floor (under the Cylinder) we nail'd the Plate *ggg* with the Inverted Siphon upon it, and join'd M to H by the Inſection of the Glaſs Tube T. The Joints were very carefully clos'd with Cement: And then they were cover'd over with pieces of a Bladder and wrapt hard with ſtrong Thread. There

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was also a Bladder ty'd below each Joint at *m*, and when it was fill'd with Water it was ty'd above it at *n*; so that no Air could come to the Cement, or insinuate it self through its Pores or Sissures if any happen'd to be left unclos'd.

It is not (I think) an unnecessary trouble, that in this account of the Apparatus I have mention'd so many minute Circumstances, for we found it difficult enough to exclude the Air, and almost impossible to discover the very little holes through which so subtil a Fluid would freely enter and possess the Spaces deserted by the subsiding Mercury. But with all this Precaution the Experiment succeeded at last, as I wish'd, after this manner.

We plac'd the Object *a* (which was a black Thread sliding in a little Frame over a piece of white Paper) in the Axis of the Cylinder *cx* continu'd to it, we filled the Pipes and Cylinder with Mercury; and having stopt the uppermost Pipe at F with the little Iron-stopple K and clos'd it at the other Joints, we let the Mercury run out gently at O into the Bladder *v*, till it remain'd suspended at the usual height (as in the Barometre) leaving the space above it between the Glasses *oo* and *ff* void of Air. We then found the Object, which before appear'd in the Axis at x, rais'd considerably above it; and we reduc'd it to appear at *x* by removing it from *a* to *x*. The Axis therefore, of the visual Ray *xa*, (which was also the Axis of the Cylinder) *xa*, falling perpendicularly on the void space in the Cylinder past through it without any Refraction:

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fraction: But emerging obliquely into the Air, it was refracted towards the Perpendicular *pc*, and there receiv'd a new Direction to *x*. And therefore the space *ax* subtended the Angle of Refraction *acx*; which we measur'd and found as follows.

	Inches	Depths
The height of the Object above the Axis of visual-Ray *ax* the unrefracted — — —	0,	425
The Distance of the Object from the Refracting Plain, *&c.* about 51 Feet or — —		612
Therefore the Angle of Refraction *acx* was —	0.	2′. 23″.
The Angle of Emersion *pca* (by the Construction of the Cylinder) was — — — —	62.	30.
Therefore the Angle of Incidence *pcx* = (=*pca* + *acx* — — —	62.	27. 37.

And therefore universally (according to the known Laws of Refraction)

The Sines of the Angles of Incidence being —	100000
The Sines of the Angles Emersion are — —	100036
And the Refractive Power of the Dense Air —	36

By the Refractive Power of a pellucid Body, I mean that property in it whereby the Oblique Rays of Light are diverted from their direct Course; and which is measur'd

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by the proportional Differences always obſerv'd between the Sines of the Angles of Incidence and Emerſion.

This Property is not always proportional to the Denſity (at leaſt not to the Gravity) of the Refracting Medium. For the Refractive Power of Glaſs to that of Water, is as 55 to 34, whereas its Gravity, is as 87 to 34; that is, the Squares of their Refractive Powers are (very near) as their reſpective Gravities. And there are ſome Fluids which though lighter than Water yet have a greater power of Refraction; thus the Refractive Power of Spirit of Wine (according to Dr. *Hook*'s Experiments, *Microg.* p. 220.) is to that of Water, as 36 to 33, and its Gravity reciprocally, as 33 to 36, or $36\frac{1}{4}$. But the Refractive Powers of Air and Water ſeem to obſerve the ſimple Proportion of their Gravities, directly; as I have compar'd them in the following Table. The Numbers there expreſſing the Refraction of Water are taken from the Mean of * Nine Obſervations at ſo many ſeveral Angles of Incidence, made *Jan.* 25. $164\frac{9}{7}$. by Mr. *Gaſcoigne* the ingeniuos Firſt Inventor of the Micrometer, and the ways of meaſuring Angles by Teleſcopes, and thoſe of Air are produc'd by the Experiment above related.

* *I am indebted for them to Mr.* Flamſteed, *who had cover'd them with his Obſervations, and ſeveral Paſſages relating to them, from his Letters to Mr.* Crabtree, *which were happily preſerv'd in the Time of our Civil War by Sir* Jonas Moor, *and Mr.* Chriſtopher Towneley; *and are now in the Hands of Mr.* Richard Towneley *of* Towneley *in* Lancaſhire, *by whom they were imparted to him.*

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	Water.	*Air.*
The (aſſum'd) Sines of the Angles of Incidence through — —	100000 :	100000
The Sines of the correſpondent Angles of Emerſion out of —	134400.	100036
The Refractive Power of — — — — —	34400	36
The Specifick Gravity (if as 900 to 1 at the time of the Experiment) of or (if as 850 to 1) of — — —	34400	38 / 40

From hence it ſeems very probable that their Reſpective Denſities and Refractive Powers are in a juſt Simple Proportion: And if this ſhould be confirm'd by ſucceeding Experiments, made at different Angles of Incidence, and with Cylinders continuing exhauſted through ſeveral Changes of the Air, it would be more than probable that the Refractive Powers of the Atmoſphere are every where, at all heights above the Earth, in proportion to its Denſities and Expanſions. And here it would be no difficult matter to trace the Light through it, thereby to terminate the Shadow of the Earth; and (together with proper Expedients for meaſuring the Quantity of Light illuminating an Opaque Body) to examine at what diſtances the Moon muſt be from the Earth to ſuffer Eclipſes of the obſerv'd Duration. This Limitation is conſiderable enough in Aſtronomy, abundantly to recompenſe the Trouble of proſecuting ſuch a new Experiment.

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A Diſcourſe concerning a Method of Diſcovering the true Moment of the Sun's Ingreſs into the Tropical Sines,

By E. Halley.

IT may perhaps paſs for a Paradox, if not ſeem extravagant, if I ſhould aſſert that it is an eaſier matter to be aſſur'd of the Moments of the Tropicks, or of the Times of the *Sun*'s Entrance into *Cancer* and *Capricorn*, than it is to obſerve the true Times of the Equinoctials or Ingreſs into *Aries* and *Libra*. I know the Opinion both of Ancient and Modern Aſtronomers to the contrary; *Ptolemy* ſays expreſly, Τὰς τῶν τροπῶν τηρήσεις δυσδιακρίτους ἔναι; And *Ricciolus* begins his Chapter of the Solſtitial Obſervations with theſe words, *Merito* Snellius, *in notis ad obſervationes* Haſſiacas, *pronunciavit*, *Herculei eſſe laboris vitare in* Solſtitiis *obſervandis errorem quadrantis diei*, and this becauſe of the exceeding ſlowneſs of the change of the Sun's Declination on the day of the Tropick, being not a quarter of a Minute in twenty four Hours. This indeed would make it very difficult, nor would any Inſtruments ſuffice to do it, were the Moment of the Tropick to be determin'd from one ſingle Obſervation. But by three ſubſequent Obſervations made

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made near the Tropick, at proper Intervals of Time, I hereby deſign to ſhew a Method to find the Moment of the Tropicks capable of all the Exactneſs the moſt Accurate can deſire; and that without any conſideration of the Parallax of the Sun, of the Refractions of the Air, of the greateſt Obliquity of the Ecliptick, or Latitude of the Place: All which are requir'd to aſcertain the Times of the Equinoctials from Obſervation, and which being faultily aſſum'd, have occaſion'd an Error of near three Hours in the Times of the Equinoctials deduced from the Tables of the Noble *Tycho Brahe* and *Kepler*, the Vernal being ſo much later, and the Autumnial ſo much earlier than by the *Calculus* of thoſe Famous Authors.

Now before we proceed, it will be neceſſary to premiſe the following *Lemmata*, ſerving to demonſtrate this Method, *viz.*

1. That the Motion of the Sun in the Ecliptick, about the Time of the Tropicks, is ſo nearly equable, that the difference from Equality is not ſenſible, from five days before the Tropick, to five days after: And the difference ariſing from the little Inequality that there is, never amounts to above $\frac{1}{4}$ of a ſingle Second in the Declination, and this by reaſon of the nearneſs of the *Apogæon* of the *Sun* to the Tropick of *Cancer*.

2. That for five Degrees before and after the Tropicks, the differences whereby the Sun falls ſhort of the Tropicks, are as the verſed Sines of the Sun's diſtance in Longitude from the Tropicks, which verſed Sines in Arches under five Degrees, are beyond the utmoſt nicety

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nicety of Senſe, as the Squares of thoſe Arches. From theſe two follow a third:

3. That for five days before and after the Tropicks, the Declination of the Sun falls ſhort of the utmoſt Tropical Declination, by Spaces which are in duplicate Proportion, or as the Squares of the Times by which the Sun is wanting of or paſt the Moment of the Tropick.

Hence it is evident that if the Shadows of the Sun, either in the Meridian or any other Azimuth, be carefully obſerv'd about the Time of the Tropicks, the Spaces whereby the Tropical ſhade falls ſhort of, or exceeds thoſe at other Times, are always proportionable to the Squares of the Intervals of Time between thoſe Obſervations and the true Time of the Tropick, and conſequently if the Line, on which the Limits of the ſhade is taken, be made the Axis, and the correſpondent Times from the Tropick expounded by Lines, be erected on their reſpective Points in the Axis as Ordinates, the Extremities of thoſe Lines ſhall touch the Curve of a Parabola; as may be ſeen in the Figure: Where a, b, c, e, being ſuppoſed Points obſerved, the Lines a B, b C, c A, e F, are reſpectively proportional to the Times of each Obſervation before or after the Tropical Moment in *Cancer*.

This premiſed, we ſhall be able to bring the Problem of finding the true Time of the Tropick by three Obſervations, to this Geometrical one; having three Points in a Parabola A, B, C, or A, F, C given, together with the direction of the Axis, to find the

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Diſtance of thoſe Points from the Axis. Of this there are two Caſes, the one when the Time of the ſecond Obſervation B is preciſely in the middle Time between A and C: In this Caſe putting t for the whole Time between A and C, we ſhall have A c the Interval of the remoteſt Obſervation A from the Tropick by the following Analogy.

As 2 a c—b c to 2 a c—$\frac{1}{2}$ b c :: So is $\frac{1}{2}$ t or A E : to A c the Time of the remoteſt Obſervation A from the Tropick.

But the other Caſe when the middle Obſervation is not exactly in the middle between the other two Times, as at F, is ſomething more operoſe, and the whole Time from A to C being put = t, and from A to F = s, c e = c, and b c = b, the Theorem will ſtand thus $\frac{t\,t\,c - b\,s\,s}{2\,t\,c - 2\,b\,s}$ = A c at the Time ſought.

To illuſtrate this Method of Calculation it may perhaps be requiſite to give an Example or two for the ſake of thoſe Aſtronomers that are leſs inſtructed in the Geometrical part of their Art.

Anno 1500. *Bernard Walther*, in the Month of *June*, at *Nuremburg*, obſerv'd the Chord of the diſtance of the Sun from the *Zenith* by a large Parallactick Inſtrument of *Ptolemy*, as follows:

June 2.	45467.		*June* 8.	44975.
June 9.	44934.	and	*June* 12.	44883.
June 16.	44990.		*June* 16.	44990.

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In both which Caſes the middle Time is exactly in the middle between the Extreams, and therefore in the former three, a c=533, b c=477 and t, the Time between being 14 days, by the firſt Rule, the Time of the Tropick will be found by this Proportion, as 589 to 827½:: So ½ t or 7 days to 9 days 20h. 2′. whence the Tropick, *Anno* 1500. is concluded to have fallen *June* 11d. 20h. 2′. In the latter three, a c is = 107, and b c = 15, and the whole Interval of Time is 8 days = to t; whence as 199 : to 206½ :: ſo is 4 days to 4d. 3h. 37′. which taken from the 16th day at Noon, leaves 11d. 20h. 23′. for the Time of the Tropick, agreeing with the former to the third part of an hour.

Again, *Anno* 1636. *Gaſſendus* at *Marſeilles*, obſerv'd the Summer Solſtice by a *Gnomon* of 55 Foot high, in order to determine the Proportion of the *Gnomon* to the Solſtitial ſhade, and he hath left us theſe Obſervations, which may ſerve as an Example for the ſecond Rule.

June 19. *St. N.* ſhadow 31766 parts, whereof the *Gnomon* was 89428.

June 20.	31753
June 21.	31751
June 22.	31759

Theſe being divided into two Sets of three Obſervations each, *viz.* the 19th. 20th. and 22th. and the 19th. 21th. and 22th. we ſhall have in the firſt three c = 13 and b = 7, t = 3 days, s = 1, and in the ſecond c = 15 and

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and b = 7, t = 3 and s = 2. Whence, according to the Rule, the 19th day at Noon the Sun wanted of the Tropick a Time proportionate to one day, as t t c — s s b to 2 t c — 2 b s, that is, as 110 to 64 in the firſt Set, or 107 to 62 in the ſecond Set; that is, 1d. 17h. 15′. in the firſt, or 1d. 17h. 25′. in the ſecond Set: So that we may conclude the Moment of the Tropick to have been *June* 10d. 17h. 20′. in the Meridian of *Marſelles*.

Now that theſe two Tropical Times thus obtain'd, will be found to confirm each others Exactneſs from their near Agreement, appears by the Interval of Time between them; *viz.* 1d. 2h. 30′. leſs than 136 *Julian* Years: whereof 1d. 1h. 8′. ariſes from the defect of the length of the Tropical Year from the *Julian*, and the reſt from the Progreſſion of the Sun's *Apogæon* in that Time; ſo that no two Obſervations made by the ſame Obſerver in the ſame Place, can better anſwer each other, and that without any the leaſt Artifice or Force in the management of them.

What were the Methods uſed by the Ancients to conclude the hour of the Tropicks, *Ptolemy* has no where delivered; but it were to have been wiſhed that they had been aware of this, that ſo we might have been more certain of the Moments of the Tropicks we have receiv'd from them, which would have been of ſingular uſe to determine the Queſtion, Whether the Sun's *Apogæon* be fixt in the Starry Heaven; or if it move, What is the true Motion thereof? It is certain, that if we take the Account of

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of *Ptolemy*, the Tropick said to be observ'd by *Euctemon* and *Meton*, *Junii* 27. *manè*, *Anno* 432. *ante Christum*, can no ways be reconcil'd without supposing the Observation made the next day, or *June* 28th in the Morning. And *Ptolemy*'s own Tropick observ'd in the third Year of *Antoninus*, *Anno Christi* 140. was certainly on the 23th and not the 24th day of *June*; as will appear to those that shall duly consider and compare them with the length of the Year deduced from the diligent and concordant Observations of those two great Astronomical *Genii*, *Hipparchus* and *Albatâni*; establish'd and confirm'd by the Concurrence of all the Modern Accuracy. For these Observations give the length of the Tropical Year, such as to anticipate the *Julian* Account only one day in 300 Years; but we are now secure that the said Period of the Sun's Revolution does anticipate very nearly three days in 400 Years; so that the *Tables* of *Ptolemy* founded on that Supposition, do err about a whole day in the Sun's Place, for every 240 Years. Which principal Error in so Fundamental a Point, does vitiate the whole Superstructure of the *Almagest*, and serves to convict its Author of want of Diligence, or Fidelity, or both.

But to return to our Method, the great Advantage we have hereby, is, that any very high Building serves for an Instrument, or the Top of any high Tower or Steeple, or even any high Wall whatsoever, that may be sufficient to intercept the Sun, and cast a true shade: Nor is the Position of the Plane

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on which you take the ſhade, or that of the Line therein, on which you meaſure the Receſs of the Sun from the Tropick, very material; but in what way ſoever you diſcover it, the ſaid Receſs will be always in the ſame Proportion, by reaſon of the ſmalneſs of the Angle, which is not ſix Minutes in the firſt five days: Nor need you enquire the height or diſtance of your Building, provided it be very great, ſo as to make the Spaces you meaſure large and fair. But it is convenient that the Plane on which you take the ſhade be not far from Perpendicular to the Sun, at leaſt not very Oblique, and that the Wall which caſts the ſhade, be ſtraight and ſmooth at Top, and its Direction nearly Eaſt and Weſt, for Reaſons that will be well underſtood by a Reader skilful in the Doctrine of the Sphere. And it will be requiſite to take the Extream greateſt or leaſt Deviation of the ſhadow of the Wall, becauſe the ſhade continues for a good Time at a ſtand, without alteration, which will give the Obſerver leiſure to be aſſur'd of what he does, and not be ſurpriz'd by the quick tranſient Motion of the ſhade of a ſingle Point at ſuch a diſtance. The principal Objection is, that the *Penumbra* or Partile ſhade of the Sun, is in its Extreams very difficult to diſtinguiſh from the true ſhade, which will render this Obſervation hard to determine nicely. But if the Sun be tranſmitted through a *Teleſcope*, after the manner us'd to take his *Species* in a *Solar Eclipſe*, and the upper half of the Object-glaſs be cut off by a Paper paſted thereon, and the exact upper Limb of the Sun be ſeen

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juſt Emerging out of, or rather contiging the *Species* of the Wall, (the Poſition of the *Teleſcope* being regulated by a fine Hair extended in the *Focus* of the Eye-glaſs) I am aſſur'd that the Limit of the ſhade may be obtain'd to the utmoſt Exactneſs: And of this I deſign to give a *Specimen* by an Obſervation to be made in *June* next, by the help of the high Wall of St. *Paul*'s Church, *London*, of which ſome following Tranſaction may give an Account. In the mean time what I have premis'd may ſuffice to ſet others at work, where ſuch or higher Buildings are to be met with. I ſhall only Advertiſe, that the Winter-Tropick by this Method may be more certainly obtain'd than the *Summer*'s, by reaſon that the ſame *Gnomon* does afford a much larger *Radius* for this manner of Obſervation-

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A Scale of the Degrees of HEAT.

The Signs and Deſcriptions of the ſeveral Degrees of Heat.

0.		THE Warmth of the *Winter Air* when Water begins to freeze. This is known accurately by placing a Thermometer in Snow preſs'd cloſe together at the Time of a Thaw.
0. 1. 2.		The Warmths of the Winter Air.
2. 3. 4.		The Warmths of the Air in *Spring* and *Autumn*.
4. 5. 6.		The Heat of the Air in *Summer*.
6.		The Heat of the Air at *Noon* in the Month of *July*.
12.	1.	The greateſt Heat that a Thermometer acquires, by the contact of a *Humane Body*; which is much the ſame with that of a *Bird* brooding upon its *Eggs*.
14 3/11.	1 1/4.	The nearly greateſt Heat of a *Bath*, that a Perſon holding his Hand ſteady and immoveable in the ſame, can endure for ſome time.
17.	1 1/2.	The greateſt Heat of a Bath, that a Perſon holding his Hand ſteady and immoveable in the ſame,

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		ſame, can endure for ſome time.
20, $\frac{3}{11}$.	$1\frac{3}{4}$.	The Heat of a Bath by which melted Wax ſwimming upon it, begins to grow ſtiff, and loſe its Tranſparency.
24.	2.	The Heat of a Bath by which Wax ſwimming upon it, is melted and preſerv'd in a State of Fluidity, without Ebullution.
28, $\frac{6}{11}$.	$2\frac{1}{4}$.	The middle Degree of Heat, between that by which Wax is melted, and that which makes Water boil.
34.	$2\frac{1}{2}$.	The Heat by which Water is made to boil vehemently; and a Mixture of 2 parts of *Lead*, 3 of *Tin*, and 5 of *Biſmuth*, cooling, begins to harden.
		Water begins to boil with a Heat of 33 parts, and by boiling, hardly conceives a greater Heat than that of 34 parts.
		But Iron growing cool, when it has a Heat of 35 or 36 parts, ceaſes to make any Ebullition when warm Water falls drop by drop upon it; as it does alſo with a Heat of 37 parts, when cold Water falls on it in the like manner.
40, $\frac{4}{11}$.	$2\frac{3}{4}$.	The leaſt Heat, by which a Mixture of 1 part of *Lead*, 4 of *Tin*, and 5 of *Biſmuth* is liquefied and preſerv'd in a State of Fluidity.
48.	3.	The leaſt Heat, by which a Mixture of equal parts of *Tin* and *Biſmuth* is liquefied. This Mixture grow-

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growing cool, when it has a Heat of 47 parts, is coagulated.

57. 3¼. The Heat, by which a Mixture of 2 parts of *Tin* and 1 of *Biſmuth* is liquefied; as alſo of 3 parts of *Tin* and 2 of *Lead*. But a Mixture of 5 parts of *Tin* and 2 of *Biſmuth* (cooling) does with this Degree of Heat become hard: And the ſame come to paſs in a Mixture of equal parts of *Lead* and *Biſmuth*.

68. 3½. The leaſt Heat by which a Mixture of 1 part of *Biſmuth* and 8 of *Tin* is liquefied. *Tin* by it ſelf is fus'd with a Heat of 72 parts, and growing cold, hardens with a Heat of 70 parts.

81. 3¾. The Heat by which *Biſmuth* is fus'd, as alſo a Mixture of 4 parts of *Lead* and 1 of *Tin*. But a Mixture of 5 parts of *Lead* and 1 of *Tin* when fus'd, and growing cold, hardens with this Degree of Heat.

96. 4. The leaſt Heat by which *Lead* is melted. *Lead* melts with a Heat of 96 or 97 parts, and growing cold, hardens with a Heat of 95 parts.

114. 4¼. The Heat with which *Fiery Bodies* (growing cool) wholly ceaſe ſhining in the Night; as alſo, that Heat with which (growing warm) they firſt begin to ſhine in the the Darkneſs of the Night, but with a faint and feeble Light, ſuch as can ſcarce be diſcern'd.

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This Heat liquefies a Mixture of equal parts of *Tin* and *Regulus Martis*; and a Mixture of 7 parts of *Biſmuth* and 4 of the ſame *Regulus* (growing cool) hardens with the ſame Degree of Heat.

136. 4½. The Heat by which *Fiery Bodies* do in the dark Night appear bright and ſhining, but not in the Twilight. A Mixture of 2 parts of *Regulus Martis* and 1 of *Biſmuth*, as alſo of 5 parts of *Regulus Martis* and 1 of *Tin*, growing cool, will at this Degree of Heat become hard. The *Regulus* by it ſelf, hardens with a Heat of 146 parts.

161. 4¾. The Heat by which *Fiery Bodies*, in the Twilight, a little before the Sun's riſing or after his ſetting, do ſhine diſcernably; but not at all in the clear Day-light, or at leaſt very obſcurely.

192. 5. The Heat of a ſmall Culinary Fire made of Sea-Coal, burning freely by it ſelf without the help Bellows. The ſame is the Heat of Iron, as Red-hot as it can be made in ſuch a Fire. The Heat of a ſmall Culinary Fire made of Wood, is ſome little matter greater, *viz.* about 200 or 210 parts. And the Heat of a large Fire is ſtill greater, eſpecially if it be blown up by the Bellows.

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In the first Column of this Table are the several Degrees of Heat, going on in an Arithmetical Progression, beginning with that Degree of Heat, which there is in the Air in Frosty Weather, when Water makes the *first Advances towards Freezing*; beginning the Account from this, as the lowest Degree of Heat, or common *Terminus* of Heat and Cold) and supposing the external Heat of a *Humane Body* to be rated at 12 parts. In the second Column are the Degrees of Heat in a Geometrical Proportion, so that the second Degree is double the first, the third double the second, and so on; the first Degree being that external Heat of a *Humane Body*, proportion'd to the Sense. But now 'tis manifest from this Table that the Heat of *Boiling Water* is almost 3 times greater than that of a *Humane Body*; and that the Heat of melted *Tin* is 6 times, of melted *Lead* 8 times, of melted *Regulus* 12 times, and of ordinary Culinary Fire 16 or 17 times greater than the foremention'd Heat of a Humane Body.

This Table was made by the help of a Thermometer and Red-hot Iron. By the Thermometer I found the Measure of all the Degrees of Heat as far as that by which Tin is melted; and by the hot Iron I found the Measure of the rest. For the Heat which hot Iron does communicate to cold Bodies contiguous to it in a given time, (that is the Heat which the Iron it self loses) is as the whole Heat of the Iron. And therefore if the Times of Refrigeration are

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taken equal, the Degrees of Heat ſhall be in a Geometrical Proportion, and conſequently may eaſily be found by a Table of Logarithms. Firſt of all therefore I found by a Thermometer made of Linſeed Oil, that if when the Inſtrument was placed in melting Snow, the Oil occupied a Space of 10000 parts, the ſame Oil rarified by a Heat of the firſt Degree (that is by that of a Humane Body) would extend to 10256 parts; and by the Heat of Water beginning to boil, to 10705 parts; and by the Heat of Water boiling vehemently, to 10725 parts; and by the Heat of melted Tin (cooling, and beginning to be of the Conſiſtence of an Amalgama) to 11516 parts; and by the Heat of the ſame Tin when 'tis quite harden'd, to 11496 parts. Therefore the Oil was rarified in the proportion of 40 to 39, by the Heat of a Humane Body; and in the proportion of 15 to 14, by the Heat of boiling Water; and in the proportion of 15 to 13, by the Heat of the melted Tin, beginning to come to the Conſiſtence of an Amalgama; and in the proportion of 23 to 20, by the Heat of the ſame Tin quite hardned.

The Rarefaction of Air with an equal Degree of Heat, was 10 times greater than that of Oil; and the Rarefaction of Oil nearly 15 times greater than that of Spirit of Wine. Now theſe things thus found, ſuppoſing the Degrees of Heat in the Oil to be proportional to its Rarefaction, and the Heat of a Humane Body to be 12 parts; from hence the Heat of Water when it begins to boil, comes

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comes to be 33 parts, and when it boils vehemently, 34 parts; and the Heat of melted Tin beginning to come to the Conſiſtence of an Amalgama, 72 parts; and the Heat of the ſame, when in cooling 'tis come to downright Hardneſs, 70 parts. And having determin'd theſe Things, in order to find out the reſt, I heated a piece of Iron 'till it was Red-hot enough, and taking it out of the Fire with a pair of Tongs that were alſo Red-hot, and I it in a cool place, where the Wind blew conſtantly. Then putting upon it little pieces of Metals and various other liquable Bodies, I obſerv'd the times of Refrigeration, 'till all thoſe melted parts having quite loſt their Fluidity, became hal'd and ſolid again, and the Heat of the Iron was equal to that of a Humane Body. Then ſuppoſing the Exceſſes, of the Heats of the Iron and the liquefied Particles approaching to Induration, above the Heat of the Atmoſphere founded by the Thermometer, to be in a Geometrick Progreſſion, when the Times are in an Arithmetick one; by this means all the Degrees of Heat were diſcover'd. But 'tis to be obſerv'd that I plac'd the Iron not in a ſerene and quiet Air, but in a Wind blowing uniformly, ſo that the Air which was heated by the Iron might always be carried away by the Wind, and a cold Air with an uniform Motion might ſucceed in the place of it. For thus, equal parts of the Air were heated in equal times, and acquired a Heat proportional to that of the Iron. But the Degrees

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Degrees of Heat found by this Method had the ſame Proportion among themſelves, that thoſe had which were found by the Thermometer; and therefore the Aſſumption, that the Rarefactions of the Oil were proportional to the Degrees of Heat, was a juſt and true one.

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The Properties of the Catenaria.

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PROP. I. PROBLEM.

To find the Relation of the Fluxion of the Axis, to the Fluxion of the Ordinate in the Catenaria.

LET FAD be a *Catena* hanging on the Extremites F and D, the loweſt point of which (or the Vertex of the Curve) is A, the Axis AD perpendicular to the Horizon, and the Ordinate BD parallel to the ſame. We are to find the Relation between Bb or Dδ, and dδ; ſuppoſing the point *b* infinitely near to B, and bd parallel to BD, as alſo Dδ to BA.

From the Principles of *Mechanicks*, 'tis plain that three *Powers* which are in *Equilibrio*, are in proportion to one another, as three right Lines parallel to their reſpective Directions (or inclin'd in any given Angle to them) and terminated at their mutual Interſection.

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And consequently if Dd expounds the absolute Gravity of the Particle D̄d (as it will be in a *Catena* equally thick) then d♪ will represent that part of the Gravity which acts perpendicularly upon Dd, and by which it comes to pass that dD (being by the flexibility of the Chain moveable about *d*) endeavours to bring it self into a *Vertical* Position. And therefore if ♪d (or the Fluxion of the Ordinate BD) be *Constant*, the Action of the Gravity exerted perpendicularly upon the correspondent parts of the *Catena* Dd, will also be constant, or every where the same. Let this Action or Force be expounded by *a*.

Farther; From the above cited *Proposition* in Mechanicks, D♪ or the Fluxion of the Axis AB, will expound the Force to be exerted in the direction dD, which is equivalent to the former *Endeavour* of Dd (by which it tends to bring it self into a *Vertical* Position) and is sufficient to hinder it.

But this force arises from the *Linea Gravis* DA pulling with the direction dD, and is consequently (all the rest continuing as before) proportional to that Line DA. Therefore ♪d, the Fluxion of the Ordinate, is to ♪D, the Fluxion of the Abscisse, as the constant right Line *a*, to the Curve DA. Q: E: F.

COROL.

If the right Line DT touches the *Catenaria*, and meets the Axis AB produc'd in T, then will DB : BT :: (d♪ : ♪D : :) *a* : DA Curve.

PROP.

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PROP. II. THEOREM.

(Fig. 34.) *If upon the Perpendicular* AB *as an Axis, and the Vertex* A, *an Equilateral Hyperbola* AH *be describ'd, whose Semiaxis* AC = a; *as also upon the same Axis and Vertex, a Parabola* AP *whose Parameter is quadruple the Axis of the Hyperbola, and the Ordinate of the Hyperbola* HB *be always produc'd till* HF *be equal to the Curve* AP: *I say then, that (making* BD *and* BF, *equal) the Curve* FAD, *in which the Points* F, D, *are posited, is the* Catenaria.

Put AB = x; then Bb = $\dot{x}$, and BH = $\sqrt{2ax+xx}$; whence (from the Method of Fluxions) the Fluxion of BH, that is $mh = \frac{\dot{a}x+\dot{x}x}{\sqrt{2ax+xx}}$. Again, since the Parabola AP has for its Parameter 8a, BP shall = $\sqrt{8ax}$. Whence the Fluxion of BP, that is $np = \frac{\dot{2}ax}{\sqrt{2ax}}$. Wherefore the Fluxion of the Curve

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AP ($= Pp = \sqrt{pp^q + Pn^q}$) $= \sqrt{\frac{4a^2\dot{x}^2}{2ax} + \dot{x}^2}$

$= \frac{\sqrt{2a\dot{x}^2 + x\dot{x}^2}}{x}$; which is equal to $\frac{2a\dot{x} + x\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$,

as appears by multiplying both Numerator and Denominator into $\sqrt{2a + x}$. And since HF is every where = AP, the Fluxion of HF that is $mh + sf$, shall $= \frac{2a\dot{x} + x\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$. But we have hitherto found $mh = \frac{a\dot{x} + x\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$.

Therefore sf (the Fluxion of BF the Ordinate in the *Catenaria*) $= \frac{a\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$; and consequently the Fluxion of the Curve AF (that is, $Ff = \sqrt{sf^q + Fs^q} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2\dot{x}^2}{2ax + xx} + \dot{x}^2}$) is $= \frac{a\dot{x} + x\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$, the Flowing Quantity of

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which was shewn but now to be $\sqrt{2ax+xx}$. And therefore $AF = \sqrt{2ax+xx}$. And 'tis plain, that the Fluxion of the Ordinate BF, or $\frac{\dot{a}x}{\sqrt{2ax+xx}}$, is to $\dot{x}$ the Fluxion of the Abscisse AB, as the constant Quantity a, to the Curve AF; which was the Property of the *Catenaria* found above. Therefore the points of the *Catenaria* are rightly determin'd by the foregoing Construction. Q: E: D.

COROL. I.

It is manifest from the Construction, that BF the Ordinate in the *Catenaria*, is equal to the Parabolick Curve AP, taking away BH, the correspondent Ordinate, of the conterminal Hyperbola AH.

COROL. II.

'Tis plain from the Demonstration, that the Curve of the *Catenaria* AF, is equal to BH the correspondent Ordinate of the conterminal Equilateral Hyperbola. For since the Fluxions of these Lines are equal, and the Lines themselves do *arise* together, it is manifest that they are always, and every where equal. Whence, giving the *Catena*, AC or a will be given also, as being equal to the Semiaxis

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miaxis of the Equilateral Hyperbola, whose Vertex is A, and whose Ordinate belonging the Abscisse AB, is equal to the *Catena* AD.

COROL. III.

All the *Catenaria* are similar to one another; as being generated from the similar Construction of Similar, and similarly posited Figures. From whence it follows, that two right Lines similarly inclin'd to the Horizon, carried thro' the Vertices of the *Catenaria*, will cut off similar Figures, and proportional to the Lines cutting off the Portions of the *Catenaria*.

COROL. IV.

If the *Catena* QAD be suspended on the points Q and D, which are unequally high, the part FAD of the Curve remains the same as if it were suspended by the points F and D, which are equally high. For it is no matter, whether the point be fix'd to the Vertical Plane or not.

COROL. V.

If the force of the *Catena* drawing in the Direction dD, be divided (as is commonly known) into the force as dA acting with an Horizontal Direction, and the force as AD with a perpendicular Direction: Then it follows, that the force (in the end of the *Catena*)

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tena) of approaching directly to the Axis, is to the force of descending perpendicularly in the same (or that part of the sustaining force that acts in the direction BD, is to that part that acts in the direction DA) as the Semiaxis of the Conterminal Hyperbola AH, to DA the length of the *Catena* to the Vertex. Whence, the *Catena* being given, this Ratio is also given. And in the same *Catena*, suspended with different degrees of Laxity, that Horizontal force, is as the Axis of the Conterminal Hyperbola; since DA remains the same, if the Extremities be equally high.

COROL. VI.

The *Catena* placed in an Inverted Position in a Vertical Plane, maintains its Figure and does not fall down; and so makes a fine Arch or *Fornix*. That is, very small hard slippery Spheres, disposed in the Inverted *Catenaria*, will form an Arch, no part of which will be thrust inwards or outwards by the rest, but (the lowest Points continuing unmov'd) it is preserv'd by vertue of its Figure. For since the Position of the Points of the *Catenaria*, and the Inclination of the parts to the Horizon, is the same, whether it be in the Position FAD, or in an Inverted Position, provided the Curve be in a Plane that is perpendicular to the Horizon, it is evident that it preserves its Figure unchanged, equally in one Position as the other. And on the other hand, the *Catenaria* are

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the only Genuine Arches or *Fornixes.* And an Arch of any other Figure, is for this reaſon only, ſuſtain'd, becauſe a *Catenaria* is included in the thickneſs of it. For if it were very thin, and conſiſted of parts that were ſlippery, it would not be ſuſtain'd. From the foregoing fifth *Corol.* it may be gather'd with what force an Arch thruſts the Walls outwards, that it ſtands upon; for this is the very ſame with that part of the force (ſuſtaining the *Catena*) which draws with the Horizontal direction. All other Matters requir'd in the ſtrength and firmneſs of Walls, that have Arches ſet upon them, are Geometrically determin'd from this Theory; which are the principal *Things* in *Building.*

COROL. VII.

If inſtead of Gravity, any other force were ſuppos'd acting in like manner upon a flexible Line, the ſame Curve would be produced. *Ex. gr.* Suppoſe a Wind blowing equably, and in directions parallel to a given right Line, the Line thus inflated by the Wind, would be the ſame with the *Catenaria.* For ſince all things that were conſider'd in Gravity, obtain in this other force, 'tis plain that the ſame Curve will be produced.

PROP.

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PROP. III. THEOREM.

(Fig. 35.) *The Hyperbola* AH *continuing as before, if through* A *be drawn the right Line* GAL *perpendicular to the Axis* AB, *and the Curve* KR *be describ'd of such a Nature, that* BK *be a third proportional to* BH *and* AC, *and to the right Line* AC *be applied the Rectangle* AV *equal to the Interminate Space* ABKRLA; *then shall the Point* F *(the Concourse of the right Lines* HB, VG*) be in the* Catenaria.

For by Construction $BK = \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{2ax+x^2}}$, wherefore the Fluxion of the Space $ABKRLA\ (=BKkb=BK\times Bb) = \frac{a^2\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax+x^2}}$.

And since $BF = \frac{\text{Space ABKRLA}}{AC}$, and AC is given, the Fluxion of BF shall $= \frac{\text{the Fluxion of the Space ABKRLA}}{AC} =$

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$\frac{\dot{a}x}{\sqrt{2ax+x^2}}$. But in the Conſtruction of the foregoing *Propoſition*, the Fluxion of the Ordinate BF, was $= \frac{\dot{a}x}{\sqrt{2ax+x^2}}$. Therefore this Conſtruction amounts to the ſame with that, and conſequently the point F is in the *Catenaria*. Q: E: D.

COROL.

As in the foregoing *Propoſition*, the *Catenaria* is deſcrib'd from the length of the Parabolical Curve given; ſo in this, the deſcription of it depends upon the Quadrature of the Space in which $x^2y^2 = a^4 - 2axy^2$. For BK or $y = \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{2ax+x^2}}$.

PROP.

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PROP. IV. THEOREM.

(Fig. 36.) *The Space* AGF *contain'd under the* Catenaria AF, *and the right Lines* FG, AG, *parallel to* AB, BF, *is equal to the Rectangle under the Semiaxis* AC, *and* DH *the difference of the Ordinates in the* Hyperbola *and* Catenaria.

For $\dot{DH}$ ($= \dot{BH} = \dot{BD} =$ by *Proposition* II. $\frac{\dot{a}x + \dot{x}x}{\sqrt{2ax + x^2}} - \frac{\dot{a}x}{\sqrt{2ax + x^2}} =$) $\frac{\dot{x}x}{\sqrt{2ax + x^2}}$. Wherefore the Fluxion of the Rectangle under the given Line AC and DH ($= \frac{\dot{a}xx}{\sqrt{2ax + x^2}} = x \times \frac{\dot{a}x}{\sqrt{2ax + x^2}} = fs \times$ FG) = the Fluxion of the Space AFG. And since these Figures do *arise* both together, it follows that the Rectangle under AC and DH is equal to the Space AGF. Q: E: D.

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COROL.

Hence it follows that the Space FAD comprehended under the *Catenaria* and Horizontal Line FD, is equal to the Rectangle under FD and BA, less the Rectangle under either Axis of the Hyperbola AH, and DH, the excess of the right Line BH or the Curve AD, above the Ordinate BD.

PROP. V. THEOREM.

(Fig. 36.) *If to the right Line* AL *be applied the Rectangle* LE, *equal to the Hyperbolical Space* ALH, *then* E *will be the Center of Gravity of the* Catenaria AFD.

Let the Curve FA be conceiv'd to be librated upon the Axis GL. Then (from the Doctrine of Centers of Gravity) it is manifest that the *Momentum* of the ponderating Curve FA is expounded by the Superficies of an upright Cylinder erected upon FA, and cut off by a Plane, passing through GL, and making an Angle of 45° with the Plane of the Curve. And the Fluxion of this Superficies or FA × FG, is equal to the Fluxion of the Space ALH or BH × HL; because FA, BH, as also FG and HL, are equal. And

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And consequently (since they *arise* together) the said Superficies of the upright Cylinder is equal to the Hyperbolical Space ALH. Which therefore divided by the Pondus it self AF, or its equal the right Line AL, gives the right Line AE, for the distance of the Center of Gravity from the Axis of Libration GL. So that the point E is the Center of Gravity of the Curve FAD, lying equally on both sides the Axis. Q: E: D.

COROL. I.

The Spaces ABHL, BAH, and AFG, are in Arithmetick Proportion. For the Fluxion of the Space ALH is $(= \frac{\dot{a}x + x\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + x^2}} \times x =$

$$\frac{\overline{ax + x^2} \times \dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + x^2}} = \frac{\overline{2ax + x^2} - ax \times \dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + x^2}} =$$

$$\dot{x}\sqrt{2ax + xx} - \frac{axx}{\sqrt{2ax + x^2}}) = \text{to the Fluxion}$$

of the Space BAH less the Fluxion of the Space AGF, by *Proposition* IV. And since these three Figures do *arise* together, it follows that BAH — AGF = (ALH =) BL — BAH. Wherefore 2BAH = BL + AGF.

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Whence 'tis plain that the Spaces BL, BAH, and AGF, are in Arithmetical Proportion.

COROL. II.

The Center of Gravity of the *Catenaria*, is the *Loweſt* of all thoſe Lines that have the ſame *Termini*, and are of the ſame length. For a heavy Body will deſcend as far as it can. And ſince the Figure it ſelf deſcends as much as its Center of Gravity deſcends; 'tis manifeſt that a flexible heavy Line, will diſpoſe it ſelf in ſuch a manner, as that its Center of Gravity may be lower, than if it aſſum'd any other Figure. And from this one Property of ſuch a Line, all the reſt may eaſily be deduced.

COROL. III.

If there be upright Cylinders erected upon any ſort of Curves, that are of the ſame length, and have the ſame *Termini* D and F, with the *Catenaria* FAD; and theſe Cylinders be cut by a Plane paſſing through DF; then the greateſt of all theſe Superficies ſhall be that which ſtands upon the *Catenaria*. For theſe Superficies (if the Angle contain'd under the Planes be half a right one) divided by the Curves (which in the preſent Caſe are all of the ſame length) give the diſtances of the Centers of Gravity from the right Line DF. And ſince this diſtance is greateſt in the *Catenaria* (becauſe of the greateſt Deſcent of the Center of Gravity) therefore

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therefore the Cylindrick Superficies ſhall there alſo be greateſt. Laſtly, Becauſe the ſame is to be ſaid of Cylindrick Superficies cut off by a Plane that make any Angle with the Plane of the Baſis, as is wheu the ſaid Angle is half a right one; the Truth of what was aſſerted is evident univerſally.

LEMMA.

(Fig. 37.) *Any Curve as* AFQ, *deſcrib'd by the* Evolution *of another Curve* KU, *if upon any Ordinate, as* FB *(at right Angles to the Axis* AB) *be let fall perpendicularly* UR, *from the correſpondent Point* U *in the Curve* KU; *then (the Fluxion of the Axis* AB *continuing the ſame) ſhall the* Fluxion *of the Fluxion of the Ordinate* BF, *the Fluxion of the Curve* AF, *and the right Line* FR *be continual Proportionals.*

Let the Lineola Ff be produc'd 'till it meets the next Ordinate $w\varphi$ in *o*. And becauſe by the Hypotheſis $Fs = fw$, alſo ſhall $of = Ff$, and conſequently $o\varphi$ ſhall be the Fluxion of fs, that is the *Fluxion* of the Fluxion of the Ordinate. Farther, the Triangles $o\varphi f$, fFR, are Equiangular, becauſe $o\varphi f =$ its Alternate fFR, and $fo\varphi = (Ffr =)$ FfR, becauſe their difference Rfr is as nothing in reſpect of either of them, ſince Rr is nothing in reſpect of fr. And therefore $o\varphi : \varphi f :: fF : FR$; but $\varphi f = fF$, ſince they differ

fer but by the Fluxion of either. Therefore alſo $o\varphi : fF :: fF : FR$. Q: E: D.

PROP. VI. PROBLEM.

(Fig. 37.) *To find the Curve* KV *by the Evolution of which the* Catenaria *is deſcrib'd.*

Let (as before) $AB = x$, $BF = y$. Then by *Propoſition* II. $\dot{y} = \frac{a\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$, or $2a\dot{x}\dot{y}^2 + x\dot{x}\dot{y}^2 = a^2\dot{x}^2$. Wherefore (by the *Newtonian* Method which now generally obtains) $2a\dot{x}\dot{y}^2 + 4a\dot{x}\dot{y}\ddot{y} + 2x\dot{x}\dot{y}^2 + 2x\dot{y}\ddot{y} (= 2a\dot{x}\ddot{x}$, which becauſe of $\dot{x} = o$, ſince the conſtant x has no Fluxion, is) $= o$. Therefore $\ddot{y} = (\frac{-a\dot{x}\dot{y} - x\dot{x}\dot{y}}{2ax + xx} =) \frac{a + x}{2ax + xx} \times \frac{a\dot{x}^2}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$, putting inſtead of $\dot{y}$ its Value $\frac{a\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$.

(For the Sign — before the Quantity $\ddot{y}$, denotes

notes only the place of the point R, with respect to F, to be opposite to the place of the point F, with respect to B, when the Curve AFQ is concave towards the Axis AB.) And Ff (by *Prop.* II.) $= \frac{\overline{a+x} \times \dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax+xx}}$. Wherefore (by the foregoing *Lemma*) FR $= \left(\frac{Ff^q}{\dot{y}} = \frac{\overline{a+x}^2 \times \dot{x}^2}{2ax+xx} \times \frac{\overline{2ax+xx} \times \sqrt{2ax+xx}}{\overline{a+x} \times a\dot{x}^2}\right) = \frac{\overline{a+x} \times \sqrt{2ax+xx}}{a}$. Again, because of the Rectangular Triangles Fsf, FRU, having the Angles fFs, UFR, equal to one another (because UFs is the Complement of either to a right Angle) we have Fs : sf :: FR : UR, or $x : \frac{a\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax+xx}} :: \frac{\overline{a+x} \times \sqrt{2ax+xx}}{a} :$ UR, which therefore is $= a+x$. Therefore the Nature of the Curve KU is such, that if AB $= x$, FR shall $= \frac{\overline{a+x} \times \sqrt{2ax+xx}}{a}$, and UR $= a+x$. Q: E: I.

COROL.

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COROL. I.

AC: CB:: BH: BH: FR. For this is the Property of the right Line FR, that was found juſt now.

COROL. II.

The right Line CB is = the right Line BI or UR. For each is = $a+x$.

COROL. III.

The *Evoluent* Line UF is a third Proportional to AC and CB. For becauſe of the ſimilar Triangles fF s, UFR, it is s F: F f :: FR: UF; or $x : \frac{ax+xx}{\sqrt{2ax+xx}} :: \frac{a+x \times \sqrt{2ax+xx}}{a} : UF$, which is therefore $= \frac{\frac{a}{a+x}^2}{a}$. Whence $a : a+x :: a+x :$ UF, which is the Radius of the Circle that has the ſame Curvature with the *Catenaria* at the point F.

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COROL. IV.

When the point F is in A, or when the Vertex is describ'd by the Evolution, that is, when $x = 0$, then the Value of the Evoluent Line (or the Radius of the Curvature) UF (which in this Case coincides with KA) *viz.* $\frac{a+x^2}{a}$, becomes only a. That is, the point K where the Curve UK meets the Axis, is as much above the Vertex of the *Catena* A, as C is below it. Whence the Diameter of a Circle that has the same Curvature with the *Catena* at the Vertex, is equal to the Axis of the Conterminal Hyperbola AH. And consequently the *Catena* AD and the Hyperbola AH, have the same Curvature in the Vertex A. For it is known that the forementioned Circle has the same Curvature with the Equilateral Hyperbola AH, in the Vertex A. But this follows also from the Property of the *Catenaria*, demonstrated at *Proposition* II. For the *Nascent* FH or (AP = the *Nascent* BP =) $\sqrt{8ax}$, is double the *Nascent* BH or ($\sqrt{2ax+xx}$, that is, xx vanishing, when x is very small) $\sqrt{2ax}$. And therefore the same point is as well in the Nascent *Hyperbola*, as in the Nascent *Catenaria*; that is, the one is coincident with the other at their first *arising*, and consequently these Curves have the same Curvature at the Vertex A.

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COROL. V.

The Curve KU is a third Proportional to the right Line AC, and the Curve AF or the right Line AL. For from the Property of the Evolution, KU = (UKA—KA=VF—KA = $\frac{\overline{a+x}^2}{a} - a = \frac{a^2+2ax-x^2}{a} - a =$) $\frac{2ax+xx}{a}$. And therefore, $a : \sqrt{2ax+xx} :: \sqrt{2ax+xx} :$ KU. But (by *Cor.* II. *Prop.* II.) $\sqrt{2ax+xx} =$ AF. Wherefore AC : AF :: AF : KV.

COROL. VI.

The right Line KI is double of AB. For since BI = (BC =) CA+AB, also AI shall = CA+2AB. But AK=AC (by *Cor.* IV. of this *Propositon.*) Therefore KI=2AB.

COROL. VII.

The Rectangle AC×BR is = to double the Hyperbolical Space BAH. For FR×AC = $\frac{\overline{a+x}\sqrt{2ax+xx}}{a} \times a = \overline{a+x} \times \sqrt{2ax+xx} =$ $x \times \sqrt{2ax+xx} + a \times \sqrt{2ax+xx} =$ AB×BH +AC

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+ACxBH=) ABxBH+ACxBD+ACxDH. Wherefore FRxAC—BDxAC (that is, BRx AC) =ABxBH+ACxDH. But (by *Proposition* IV.) ACxDH=Space AGF. Therefore BRxAC= (ABHL+AGF= by *Cor.* I. *Proposition* V.) 2BAH.

PROP. VII. THEOREM.

(Fig. 37.) *If in the Logarithmical Curve* LAG *(whose Subtangent* HS, *given, is equal to the Line* a, *determin'd as at* Cor. II. Prop. II.) *be taken the point* A, *whose distance* AC *from the Asymptote* HP, *is equal to the Subtangent* HS; *and from the points* H, *and* P *(taken at Liberty in the Asymptote, and equally distant from the point* C) *be erected the Lines* HL, PG, *Ordinates to the Logarithmical Curve, the half Sum of which is equal to* HD *or* PF: *Then the points* D *and* F, *shall be posited in the Curve of the* Catenaria, *corresponding to the right Line* AC.

Let AB be put = x, and consequently CB or DH the half Sum of the Ordinates HL, PG, will = $a+x$. Let the half difference of them be put = y; whence HL = $a+x+y$, and PG = $a+x-y$. And since from the Nature of the Logarithmical Curve, CA is a mean Proportional between them, aa shall =

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$aa + 2ax + xx - yy$, whence $y = \sqrt{2ax + xx}$. Consequently $HL = a + x + \sqrt{2ax + xx}$, and $PG = a + x - \sqrt{2ax + xx}$. Wherefore the Fluxion of HL, or *lm*, is $\frac{\dot{a}\dot{x} + \dot{x}\dot{x} + \dot{x}\sqrt{2ax + xx}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$. And because of the similar Triangles *lm*L, LHS, 'tis LH : HS :: *lm* : *m*L ; whence *m*L or *ds* the Fluxion of BD, is $= \frac{\dot{a}\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$. That is, the Curve AD, generated after the foregoing manner, from the Logarithmical Curve, is of such a Nature, that if the Axis be x, and its Fluxion $\dot{x}$, the Fluxion of the Ordinate BD is $\frac{\dot{a}\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}}$. But this is the Property of the *Catenaria* corresponding to the right Line a, as was demonstrated at *Prop.* I. Therefore the Curve FAD described as above, is this very *Catenaria* it self. Q. E. D.

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COROLLARIES.

COROL. I.

As the *Catenaria* is deſcrib'd by the help of the Logarithms, ſo on the other hand, by the help of the *Catenaria* (a Curve produced by Nature it ſelf) the Logarithm of any given *Number*, or rather of any given *Ratio*, may be found. As if, putting CA=1, whoſe Log.=0; the Log. of the Number CQ, or of the Ratio between CA and CQ, were ſought. Let CV be a third Proportional to CQ and CA, and CB the half Sum of CQ and CV; then an Ordinate to the *Catenaria* from the point B, *viz.* BD, will be the Log. ſought.

COROL. II.

Vice verſa, if giving the Log. CH or CP, the correſpondent Number HL or PG, or the Ratio of HL to CA, or PG to CA, be ſought. From H or D erect a Perpendicular meeting the *Catena* in D or F, and in the Horizontal Line AR, take CR=HD or PF, or CB. And then will AR be the half difference of the ſought Lines LH, GP, as HD or CR, is (from the above demonſtrated Property of the *Catenaria*) their half Sum. For in three Quantities Geometrically Proportional, ſuch as are HL, CA, PG, the Square of the half Sum of the Extreams leſſen'd by

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the Square of the middle Term, is equal to the Square of the half difference of the Extreams. And consequently CR+AR, and CR—AR, are the Numbers HL or GP, agreeing to the given Log. CH or CP.

COROL. III.

It is plain from the Demonstration, that as HD the half Sum of the Logarithmical Ordinates HL, PG, being applied at right Angles to CH, is an Ordinate to the *Catenaria*; so also the half difference of the same HL, PG, applied at right Angles to CA in B, is an Ordinate to the Equilateral Hyperbola, whose Center is C, and its Vertex A; and consequently (by *Cor.* II. *Prop.* II.) $= \sqrt{2ax+xx}$ = the *Catena* AD. For $y = \sqrt{2ax+xx}$; and since it was shewn in the foregoing *Corol.* that AR is also the half difference of HL and PG; 'tis plain that AR is = the Portion of the *Catenaria* AD. From whence by the way, we may observe a Method, how, from the *Catena* AD given, to find C the Center of the Conterminal Hyperbola, or the point in the Asymptote of the Logarithmical Curve GL. For, taking AR = the *Catena* AD, and joining the points B, R, from the middle of BR erect a Line perpendicular to it, which will meet BA the Axis of the *Catena* produced, in the point C, sought. Which is evident, since thus CR will = CB.

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COROL. IV.

Hence alſo it follows that if the Angle BDT be equal to ACR, the right Line DT touches the *Catenaria* in D. For then it will be (in the ſimilar Triangles DBT, CAR) DB: BT :: CA: AR, or CA: Curve AD which is = AR. And conſequently DT touches the *Catenaria*, by *Corol. Prop.* I.

COROL. V.

It follows alſo that the Space ACHD = the Rectangle CA×AR. For becauſe (by *Prop.* IV.) AYD=CA× (AD—BD, =AR—AY, by *Cor.* III. of this *Prop.* =) YR; the thing is manifeſt. And ſince CA is given, 'tis plain that the Space ACHD is as the Curve AD, and the Fluxion of the former Hd, as the Fluxion of the Latter Dd.

COROL. VI.

If through the point K where CR cuts HD, we draw KZ parallel to PH, meeting AC in Z, and take CE = $\frac{BC+CZ}{2}$; then will E be the Center of Gravity of the Curve FAD. Imagine an upright Cylindrick Superficies erected upon FAD, and to be cut by a Plane paſſing through PH, and making an Angle of 45 with the Plane of the Curve FAD. This Superficies, will expound the

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Momentum of the Curve FAD librated on the Axis PH; and its Fluxion is $DH \times Dd +$

$$PF \times Ff = 2BC \times AD = \overline{2a + 2x} \times \frac{\dot{a}x + x\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}} =$$

$$\frac{2a^2\dot{x} + 4a\dot{x}x + 2x\dot{x}x}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}} = \frac{a^2\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}} +$$

$$\frac{a^2\dot{x} + a\dot{x}x}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}} + \frac{3a\dot{x}x + 2x^2\dot{x}}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}};$$ the Fluent of

which, $a \times BD + a\sqrt{2ax + xx} + x\sqrt{2ax + xx} = CA \times BD + CB \times AD$. Wherefore $CA \times BD + CB \times AD =$ (because it *arises* together with it) to the forementioned Cylindrick Superficies = the *Momentum* of the Curve FAD with respect to the Axis of Libration PH. Whence the distance of the Center of Gravity of the Curve FAD from the point C, is $\frac{CA \times BD + CB \times AD}{2AD}$, or $\frac{1}{2}\frac{CA \times BD}{AD} + \frac{1}{2}CB$.

Farther, because of ZK parallel to AR, 'tis AD : BD :: (AR : ZK : :) CA : CZ, whence $CZ = \frac{CA \times BD}{AD}$, and therefore CE which by Construction is $= \frac{1}{2}BC + \frac{1}{2}CZ$, shall $= \frac{1}{2}\frac{CA \times BD}{AD} + \frac{1}{2}BC$. That is, the Center of Gravity of the Curve FAD, and the point E determin'd

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determin'd by this Conſtruction, are equally diſtant from the point C. But they are alſo poſited in the ſame right Line, and towards the ſame parts, and therefore they coincide with one another. This Coincidence of the point E as determin'd above, with the Center of Gravity as found at *Prop.* V. may be thus *ſynthetically* ſhewn. By *Cor.* I. *Prop.* V. $2BAX = AYD + BA \times AR$. Whence $AH + 2BAX = (ACHD + BA \times AR =$ by *Cor.* foregoing) $AR \times CA + BA \times AR$; that is, $BD \times AC + 2BAX = AR \times CB$; or $BD \times AC = AR \times CB - 2BAX$. Whence $BD \times AC + AD \times BC = (AD \times BC + AR \times CB - 2BAX = 2AD \times BC - 2BAX =) 2AD \times AC + 2AD \times AB - 2BAX$. And dividing by $2AD$, we have $\frac{1}{2} \frac{BD \times AC}{AD} + \frac{1}{2} BC = (AC + \frac{AB \times AD - BAX}{AD} =)$ $CA + \frac{ARX}{AR}$. But $\frac{ARX}{AR}$ is the diſtance of the Center of Gravity of the *Catena* from the Vertex A, determin'd at *Prop.* V. and conſequently, according to the 5th *Propoſition* $CA + \frac{ARX}{AR}$ is the diſtance of the point E from C; now $\frac{1}{2} \frac{BD \times AC}{AD} + \frac{1}{2} BC$, is the diſtance of the point E alſo from the ſame point C according to this *Cor.* Whence 'tis manifeſt that theſe two Determinations of the point E amount to the ſame; becauſe $CA + \frac{ARX}{AR} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{BD \times AC}{AD} + \frac{1}{2} BC$.

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COROL. VII.

The Center of Gravity of the Space PFADH, is in I the middle point of the right Line CE. For ſince the Center of Gravity of the Fluxion of AD, or Dd, and Ff, is twice as far diſtant from PH, as is the Center of Gravity of the Fluxion of ACHD, or DHhd, and FPpf; and Dd+Ff×AC is = DdhH+FfPp; 'tis plain that E, the Center of Gravity of the Fluent FAD, is twice as far diſtant from PH, as I, the Center of Gravity of the Fluent PFADH. But this may be yet ſhewn otherwiſe according to the Method us'd before. Imagine an upright Cylinder to be erected upon the Figure PFADH, and to be cut off by a Plane paſſing through PH, and making an Angle of 45 with the Plane of the Baſis. This Solid will expound the *Momentum* of the Figure PFADH librated on the Axis PH. And the Fluxion of this Solid or *Momentum* (viz. the Solids erected on the Baſis PFfp, and HDdh) is produced, by multiplying the *Momentum* of the Fluxion, or the Fluxion of the *Momentum*, into $\frac{1}{2}$ AC given. For by *Cor.* V. of this *Propoſition* HDdh=Dd×AC. Wherefore the Fluent *Momentum* it ſelf, is produced by multiplying the *Momentum* of the Curve FAD with reſpect to the Axis PH (as determin'd at *Cor.* foregoing) *viz.* CA×BD+CB×AD into $\frac{1}{2}$ AC; which will therefore be $\frac{1}{2}$AC×AC×BD+$\frac{1}{2}$AC×CB×AD. And conſequently if this be divided by the

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librated Figure PFADH (=2CA×AD, by *Cor.* V. of this *Propoſition*) there will ariſe (for the diſtance of the Center of Gravity of the Figure PFADH from the Axis PH) $\frac{1}{4}\frac{CA\times BD}{AD} + \frac{1}{4}CB$; which is $= \frac{1}{2}CE$ determin'd above.

COROL. VIII.

If through the point N where DT the Tangent to the *Catenaria* in D, cuts the Line AR, be drawn a Parallel to BC, meeting in O a parallel to AR drawn through E; then will O be the Center of Gravity of the Curve AD. For by *Cor.* 6. the Center of Gravity of the Curve AD is in the right Line EO. But it ſhall be demonſtrated to be in the right Line NO; and conſequently that O it ſelf ſhall be the point. Let DA be conceiv'd to be librated upon the Axis HL; then the *Momentum* of this is the Curve DA multiplied into the diſtance of the Center of Gravity from HL. And conſequently its Fluxion = DA × Hh (Hh being the Fluxion of the diſtance of the Axis of Libration from the Center of Gravity) $= \sqrt{2ax+xx} \times \frac{\dot{a}x}{\sqrt{2ax+x^2}} = \dot{a}x$. And therefore the *Momentum* of the Curve DA, with reſpect to the Axis HL, is $= ax$. And conſequently the diſtance of the Center of Gravity from the ſame Axis, is ax divided

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by AD, or $\frac{AC \times DY}{AR}$. But because DT touches the *Catenaria*, by *Cor.* 4. of this *Proposition*, the Angle BDT, or DNY=ACR, and the Angles at A and Y are right ones, therefore in the Equiangular Triangles RAC, DYN, 'tis RA: AC:: DY: YN; whence $YN = \frac{AC \times DY}{RA}$, that is YN is the distance of the Center of Gravity of the *Catena* AD from the Axis HL; or that Center is in the right Line NO.

COROL. IX.

If through the point I be drawn a right Line parallel to AR, meeting ON produc'd in W; then W shall be the Center of Gravity of the Space ACHD. For by *Cor.* 7. the Center of Gravity of the Space ACHD, is in the right Line IW, but it shall be demonstrated also that 'tis in NW, and consequently W is the point. For (after the same manner as in *Cor.* foregoing) the Fluxion of the *Momentum* of the Space ACHD ponderating upon the Axis HL, will be shewn to be

$$(ACHD \times Hh = AC \times AD \times Hh =) \; a\sqrt{2ax + xx} \times \frac{\dot{a}x}{\sqrt{2ax + xx}} = a^2\dot{x}.$$

And consequently the *Momentum* of the Space ACHD, with respect to the Axis HL, is the Fluent of this Fluxion,

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Fluxion, a^2x, that is, a^2x. This therefore divided by the Space ACHD, or $a \times \sqrt{2ax+xx}$, gives the diſtance of the Center of Gravity (of the Space ACHD) from the Axis HL, which is $= \frac{ax}{\sqrt{2ax+xx}} = \frac{AC \times DY}{AR}$. And therefore the Center of Gravity of the Space ACHD, is in the Line NW. And from theſe two laſt *Corollaries*, is found the Center of Gravity of any Portion of the *Catena*, though not reaching the Vertex A, or alſo of any Space comprehended under any Portion of the *Cateneria*, and any other right Lines beſides thoſe aforeſaid.

COROL. X.

Hence are meaſur'd the Surfaces and Solids generated by the Rotation of the *Catena* (or a Space comprehended under it, and a right Line) about any given Axis. For a Figure generated by ſuch a Rotation, is (as is vulgarly known) equal to the genenerating Figure multiplied into the Periphery deſcrib'd by the Center of Gravity in the Rotation, which Periphery is given, ſince the Radius or Diſtance of the Center of Gravity from the given Axis, is given. Thus if the *Catena* AD roul'd about the Axis AB, then

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then $\frac{\pi}{\rho}$ AN is the Periphery deſcrib'd by the Center of Gravity O ($\frac{\pi}{\rho}$ denoting the Ratio of the Periphery of a Circle to the Radius) and conſequently the Surface generated by the Rotation of the *Catena* AD $= (\frac{\pi}{\rho} \times$ AN$\times$AD$=) \frac{\pi}{\rho} \times$ AN$\times$ AR. That is a Circle, the Square of whoſe Radius is double the Rectangle RAN, will $=$ the Surface generated by the Rotation of the *Catena* AD about the Axis AB. After the ſame manner the Solid generated by the Rotation of the Space ACHD about AC, may be ſhewn to be equal to a Cylinder, whoſe Baſis is the foremention'd Circle, and its Altitude$=$AC. Thus alſo the Surfaces and Solids produced by the Rotation of theſe Figures about any other given Axis, are meaſur'd. For giving the Center of Gravity, they are eaſily diſcover'd.

Of

Of the Quadratures of Geometrically irrational Figures.

By J. Craig.

LET ACF (*Fig.* 38.) be a Semicircle, whose Diameter is AF, ADE a Geometrically irrational Curve, whose Ordinate BD cuts the Semicircle in C. The Quantities may be noted thus; The Diameter AF $= 2a$, the Abscisse AB $= y$, the Arc AC $= v$, the Ordinate BD $= z$: And let $z = rvy^n$ a General Equation expressing the Nature of the Geometrically irrational Curves ADE, in which r denotes any given and determin'd Quantity, and n an indefinite Exponent of the indetermin'd Quantity y. I say the Area,

$$ABD = \frac{rvy^{n+1}}{n+1} - qv + \sqrt{2ay - yy} \times \frac{ra}{\overline{n+1}|^2}y^n + \frac{2nra^2 + ra^2}{n \times \overline{n+1}|^2}y^{n-1} + \frac{aA \times 2n-1}{n-1}y^{n+2} + \frac{aB \times 2n-3}{n-2}y^{n-3} + \frac{aC \times 2n-5}{n-3}y^{n-4} + \frac{aD \times 2n-7}{n-4}y^{n-5} + \frac{aE \times 2n-9}{}$$

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$$+\frac{aE\times 2n-9}{n-5}y^{n-6}+\text{ \&c.}$$

In this Infinite Series, these things are to be taken notice of: (1.) That the Capital Letters A, B, C, D, E, *&c.* denote the Coefficients of the Terms immediately preceeding them, *viz.* $A=\frac{2nraa+raa}{n\times n+1\times n+1}$ $B=\frac{aA\times 2n-1}{n-1}$, $C=\frac{aB\times 2n-3}{n-2}$, and so on. (2.) That if the Exponent n be an Integer and Positive, or equal to nothing, or if $2n$ be an odd Number, then the Quadrature of the Space ABD may be exhibited by a finite Quantity: The Series in these Cases breaking off. (3.) That q denotes the Term last breaking off. (4.) That all those Figures in which the Series is broke off have one Geometrically Quadrable Portion very easily assignable from the Series it self, *viz.* if you make the Abscisse $y=r^{\frac{1}{n+1}}+nq+q^{\frac{1}{n+1}}$; there will arise a Geometrically Quadrable Area answering to this Abscisse. (5.) That only the Irrational Terms $\sqrt{2ay-yy}$ is to be multiplied into the Terms following it.

Example

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Example I.

Let $z = v$, because in this Case $r = 1$, $n = 0$, therefore $\frac{ra}{\overline{n+1}^2}y^n$ is the Term last breaking off, wherefore $q = a$, whence ABD $= vy - av + a\sqrt{2ay - y2}$: And consequently if (by Note 4.) you take the Absciss $y = a$, that is, if the Ordinate pass through the Center of the Circle, there will arise a Geometrically Quadrable Portion fitting it, *viz.* Area $= a^2$, that is, the Square of the Radius.

Example II.

Let $z = \frac{vy}{a}$. Because in this Case $r = \frac{1}{a}$, $n = 1$, therefore $\frac{2na^2 + ra^2}{n \times \overline{n+1}^2}y^{n-1}$ is the Term last breaking off, wherefore $q = \frac{3a}{4}$; whence ABD $= \frac{vy^2}{2a} - \frac{3av}{4} + \frac{\overline{y+3a}}{4}\sqrt{2ay - y^2}$, and consequently, if (by Note 4.) you take $y = \sqrt{\frac{3aa}{2}}$, there will arise a Geometrically Quadrable

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Quadrable Area fitting this Abscisse, *viz.*

$$\text{Area} = \sqrt{:\sqrt{6a^4} - \frac{3a^2}{2} \times \sqrt{\frac{3a^2}{32}} + \frac{3a}{4}}.$$

Example III.

Let $z = \frac{vy^2}{aa}$; In this Case $r = \frac{1}{aa}$, $n = 2$, therefore $\frac{aA \times 2n-1}{n-1} y^{n-2}$ is the Term last breaking off, therefore $q = \frac{5a}{6}$; whence by Infinite Series, will ABD $=$

$$\frac{6vy^3 - 15a^3v + 2ay^2 + 5a^2y + 15^3a\sqrt{2ay - y^2}}{18a^2};$$

And consequently, if (by Note 4.) you take $y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{5a^3}{2}}$, there will arise a Geometrically Quadrable Area fitting this Abscisse, *viz.*

$$\text{Area} = \frac{2ay^2 + 5a^2y + 15a^2}{18a} \cdot \times \sqrt{2ay - y^2}.$$

Secondly, Let ACF (*Fig.* 39.) be a *Parabola*, AE its Axis, A the Vertex, and (B *a*) the *Latus Rectum*. And let ADG be a Geometrically irrational Curve, whose Ordinate BD cuts the *Parabola* in C. Let the Abscisse AB $= y$,

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$AB = y$, the Ordinate $BD = z$, the Arc of the *Parabola* $AC = v$. And let the General Equation expressing the Nature of Infinite irrational Curves be this, $Z = rvy^n$, in which r denotes a given and determinate Quantity, and n an indefinite Exponent of the indetermin'd Quantity y. I say the Area

$$ABD = \frac{ry^{n+1} \times v}{n+1} - qv + \sqrt{2ay + y^2}\,x -$$

$$\frac{r}{n+2 \times n+1} y^{n+1} - \frac{ra}{n+2 \times n+1^2} y^n +$$

$$\frac{ra^2 \times 2n+1}{n \times n+2 \times n+1^2} y^{n-1} - \frac{aA \times 2n-1}{n-1} y^{n-2} +$$

$$\frac{aB \times 2n-3}{n-2} y^{n-3} - \frac{aC \times 2n-5}{n-3} y^{n-4} + \&c.$$

In this Series 'tis to be noted: (1.) That the Capital Letters A, B, C, *&c.* denote the Coefficients of the Term preceding them. (2.) That if the Exponent n be an Integer and Positive, or equal to nothing, or if $2n$ be an odd Number, then the Quadrature may be exhibited by a finite Number of Terms; the Series in these Cases breaking off. (3.) That $+q$ is equal to the Term last breaking off. (4.) That of the Terms multiplying the Quantity $\sqrt{2ay + y^2}$, the last breaking off is to be doubl'd. (5.) That all those Figures in which n is an Integer, Positive and an odd Number, or more generally, all those Figures in which the last Term breaking off has

has an Affirmative Sign or +, have one Geometrically Quadrable Portion, and assignable from the Series it self, by taking the Abscisse as in the fourth Note of the preceding Series.

Example I.

Let $z = v$, because in this Case $r = 1$, $n = o$, therefore the Term last breaking off is $- \frac{ra}{n+2\times\overline{n+1}^2} y^n$, whence $+q = \frac{a}{2}$ (by Note 3.) and because in this Case $-\frac{a}{2}$ is the last Term to be multiplied into $\sqrt{2ay-y^2}$, therefore ABD $= vy + \frac{av}{2} + \sqrt{2ay+y^2} \times \overline{-\frac{1}{2}y-a}$.

Example II.

Let $z = \frac{vy}{a}$, because in this Case $r = \frac{1}{a}$, $n = 1$, therefore the Term last breaking off is $\frac{a^2\times 2n+1}{n\times n+2\times\overline{n+1}^2} y^{n-1} = \frac{a}{4}$, whence $q = \frac{1}{4}a$, and $\frac{1}{2}a$ is the last Term to be multiplied by $\sqrt{2ay+y^2}$, therefore

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$$\text{ABD} = \frac{vy^2}{a^2} - \frac{av}{4} + \sqrt{2ay + y^2}x - \frac{y^2}{6a} - \frac{7}{12} + \frac{a}{2}.$$ And if you take $y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}aa}$,

there will arise a Geometrically Quadrable Area fitting this Abscisse, *viz.* Area $= \frac{1}{12}\sqrt{:\sqrt{2a^4} + \frac{a^2}{2} \times 5a - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}a^2}:}$

I have other Theorems of this Nature, for Figures depending on the Circle and Parabola; but these two may suffice as a Specimen to shew the Use of my Method publish'd in my *Treatise of Quadratures*, in determining the Quadratures of Irrational Figures, for which there has been no Method (as far as I know) as yet made Publick.

That the Reader may the more easily come at the Invention of these and the like Theorems, I shall subjoin another, and more hereafter, if need be.

Let therefore (*Fig.* 40.) ACF be a Semicircle, ADE a Geometrically Irrational Curve, whose Ordinate BD cuts the Semicircle in C. Let the Quantities be denoted as before, *viz.* the Diameter AF $= 2a$, the Abscisse AB $= y$, the Arc AC $= v$, the Ordinate BD $= z$; and let $z = rv^2y^n$, an Equation expressing the Nature of the Curves ADE, in which r denotes any given and determin'd Quantity, and n an indefinite Exponent of the indetermin'd Quantity y. I say the Area

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$$\text{ABD} = \frac{rv^2y^{n+1}}{n-1} \quad qv^2 + v\sqrt{2ay-y^2} \times$$

$$\frac{2ra}{\overline{n+1}^2}y^n + \frac{2ra^2 \times 2n+1}{n \times \overline{n+1}^2}y^{n-1} +$$

$$\frac{aA \times 2n-1}{n-1}y^{n-2} + \frac{aB \times 2n-3}{n-2}y^{n-3} +$$

$$\frac{aC \times 2n-5}{n-3}y^{n-4} + \frac{aD \times 2n-7}{n-4}y^{n-5} +$$

$$\frac{aE \times 2n-9}{n-5}y^{n-6} \text{ \&c.} - \frac{2ra^2}{\overline{n+1}^3}y^{n+1} -$$

$$\frac{2ra^3 \times 2n+1}{n^2 \times \overline{n+1}^2}y^n - \frac{a^2A \times 2n-1}{\overline{n-1}^2}y^{n-1} -$$

$$\frac{a^2B \times 2n-3}{\overline{n-2}^2}y^{n-2} - \frac{a^2C \times 2n-5}{\overline{n-3}^2}y^{n-3} \text{ \&c.}$$

In this Theorem these Things are to be taken notice of; (1.) That 'tis made up of two Infinite Series, the former of which (connected by the Sign +) is multiplied into $v\sqrt{2ay-y^2}$; but the Terms of the latter (affected by the Sign −) are Absolute. (2.) That in the former Series, the Capital Letters, A, B, C, &c. denote the Coefficients of the Terms respectively preceding them; and in the latter have the same Values as in the former

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former. (3.) That the Quadrature may be expreſs'd by a finite Quantity, when n is a poſitive Integer, or equal to nothing, or if $2n$ be an odd Number; for in theſe Caſes each Series is broke off. (4.) That $2q$ is equal to the laſt Term breaking off, of the former Series.

Example I.

Let $z = \frac{v^2}{a}$. Becauſe in this Caſe $n = o$, $r = \frac{1}{2}$, therefore ſhall the Area ABD $= \frac{yv^2}{a} + v^2 + 2v\sqrt{2ay - y^2} - 2ay$.

COROLLARY.

The whole Figure AFE is equal to twice the Square, whoſe ſide is ACF, leſs the Square of the Diameter.

Example II.

Let $z = \frac{yv^2}{a^2}$, becauſe in this Caſe $n = 1$, $r = \frac{1}{a^2}$, therefore ſhall the Area ABD $=$

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$$\frac{y^2v^2}{2a^2} - \frac{1}{4}v^2 + v\sqrt{2ay-y^2} \times \frac{y}{2a} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}y^2 - \frac{3ay}{a^2}.$$

Example III.

Let $z = \frac{y^2v^2}{a^3}$, becauſe in this Caſe $n = 2$, $r = \frac{1}{a^3}$, therefore ſhall the Area ABD $= \frac{y^3v^2}{3a^3} - \frac{1}{6}v^2 + v\sqrt{2ay-y^2} \times \frac{2y^2}{9a^2} + \frac{5y}{9a} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2y^3}{27a} - \frac{57^2}{18} - \frac{5ay}{3}$.

While I was writing this, I receiv'd the late Months of the *Lipſick* Acts, in which I read, with a deal of pleaſure, ſeveral excellent things for promoting Geometry; and among them ſome Remarks of Mr. *Leibnitz*, and Mr. *J. Bernouilli*, upon my Method of Quadratures. In the *Acts* of *April*, An. 1695. Mr. *Leibnitz* informs us that he has a Method ſomewhat like ours; and truly, I mightily Congratulate my ſelf, that any thing of mine could have the leaſt likeneſs to the Thoughts of ſo great a Geometer. But whereas he ſays his own is much more General, and ſhorter than mine; I make no doubt of that. It were to be wiſh'd, he would

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would no longer ſuppreſs this Method of his, and ſeveral other things he has, eſpecially relating to his *Differential Calculus*, but rather, as ſoon as his Leiſure permits, publiſh them for the Good of the Commonwealth of Learning. In the mean while we hope the Illuſtrious Marqueſs *De l'Hoſpital* will ſpeedily make publick what is neceſſary to perfect that *Calculus*, in the latter part of that excellent Work of his, which (in the Preface to the former part) he informs us, he has compos'd upon the *Integral Calculus*. We expect alſo, with ſome Impatience, that other Section, in which that Noble Author promiſes he will ſhew the Uſe of his *Calculus* in *Phyſicks* and *Mechanicks*. For whatever he has publiſh'd, as well thoſe Specimen to be found ſcatter'd in the *Lipſick* Acts, and elſewhere, as that excellent Book of his (Intitul'd, *Analyſe des Infiniment petits*) cauſe us to expect great Things from that Noble Marqueſs.

Whereas the Ingenious Mr. *J. Bernouilli* has thought fit (in the Acts of *February* and *Auguſt*, An. 1695.) to ſay my Method is not General, I freely confeſs it, as that Sagacious Perſon might eaſily perceive in the Courſe of my Examples. In a Matter ſo Intricate I took what Steps I could; and if deter'd with the length and difficulty of the Journey, I then made no farther Progreſs. I might fairly make a Step where I pleaſe, ſince my Application to theſe Mathematical Studies is only by the by. Mr. *Bernouilli* has partly hinted where my Method is at a

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Stand, though he ſeems not to have taken up the whole Matter. In the mean while I acknowledge my ſelf highly oblig'd, that he has honour'd my Treatiſe with his Animadverſions; but much more ſo, that he was willing to free me of my Miſtakes, with ſo much Candor and Humanity.

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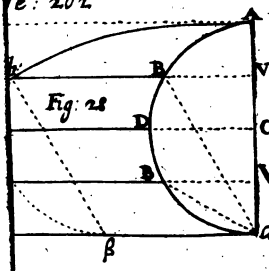

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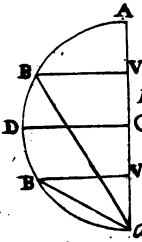

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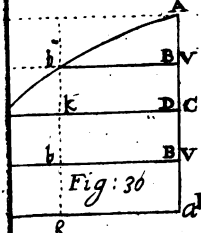

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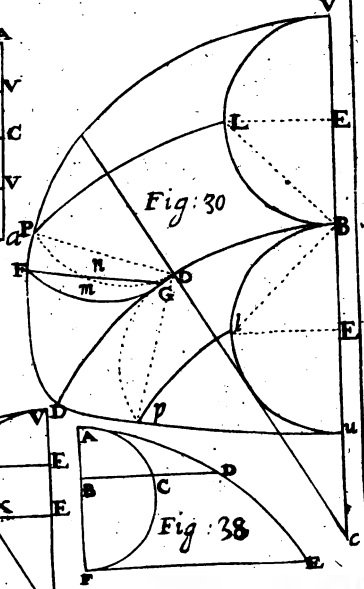

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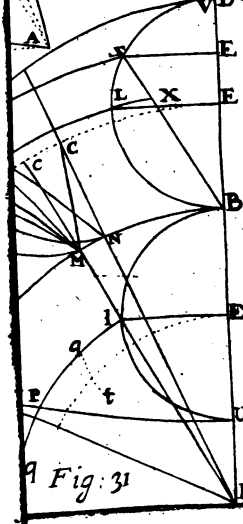

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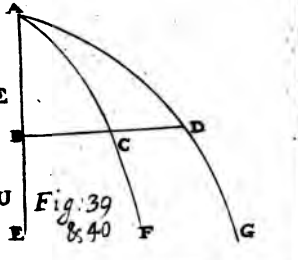

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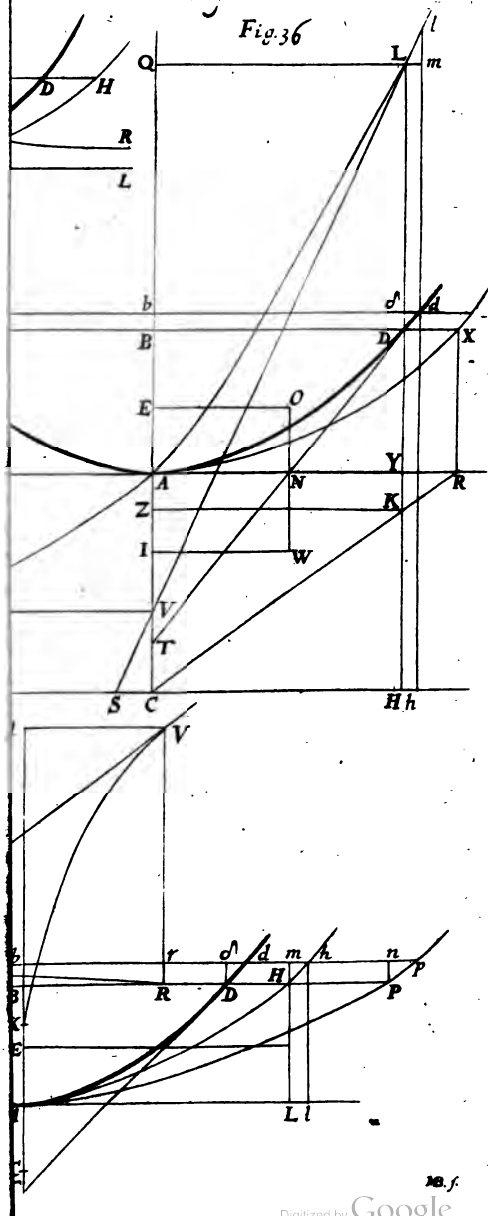

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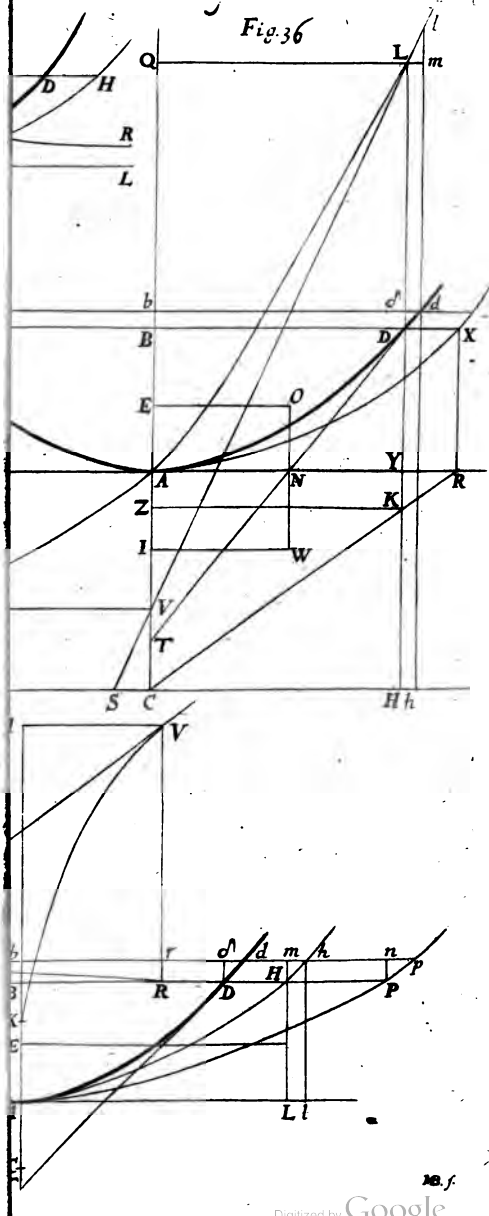

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Concerning the apparent Magnitude of the Sun and Moon, or the aprent distance of two Stars when nigh the Horizon, and when higher elevated.

I Do not design so much to establish any thing of my own that may be satisfactory in solving this admirable appearance, as to detect the Errors of those that have offered at a Solution thereof, and have come short (as I conceive) of being satisfactory; that thereby I may again set the minds of Philosophers on work, and rouse them up to enquire anew after this surprizing *Phænomenon*. That I may do this the more effectually, I shall briefly declare the Matter of Fact, and then proceed to the Reason thereof, given by several, and to their Confutations.

First therefore it is well known that the mean apparent Magnitude of the Moon is 30 *m.* 30 *s.* we will take it *Numero Rotundo* to *de* 30, that is, an Arch of a great Circle in the Heavens of 30 Minuts is covered by her Diameter; and this we'll suppose to be her apparent Diameter, at a full Moon in the midst of Winter, and when she's in the Meridian, and at her greatest Northern Latitude, and consequently the utmost that she can be elevated in our *Horizon*: 'Tis as well

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known alſo that when ſhe is in this poſture, being looked upon by the naked Eye ſhe appears (that we may accommodate all to ſenſible Meaſures) to be *Magnitudinis Pedalis*, about a foot broad. But the ſame Moon being looked upon juſt as ſhe riſes, ſhe appears to be three or four foot broad, and yet if with an Inſtrument we take her Diameter, both in one poſture and t'other, we ſhall find that ſtill ſhe ſhall be but 30 Minutes; the ſeveral ways of trying this I will not mention, they being as various as are the Methods of taking the Moons apparent Diameter, common enough among the *Aſtronomers*; neither will I inſiſt upon the truth of the Matter of Fact, for that I think cannot reaſonably be queſtioned, after ſo many trials and ſo many experiments thereof, faithfully recorded by undoubted Witneſſes; and it would be very unreaſonable to imagine that ſo many Authors ſhould rack their Brains for ſolving an appearance wherein they were not certain of the matter of Fact. But becauſe of *Nullius in Verba*, I can aſſert that I have accurately try'd it my ſelf, and I have ſo found it: One of the ways I proceeded was thus; I took a very good Teleſcope of about 6 foot long, in the inward *Focus* of whoſe Eye-Glaſs I apply'd a very fine Lattice made of the ſingle hairs of a Man's Head; then looking with this at the Moon when ſhe was juſt riſen and looked extraordinary big, I obſerved what number of the ſquares of the Lattice were occupy'd by her Body; then obſerving her again, when more elevated and free from all extravagant Greatneſs, I ſtill found

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found the ſame ſquares of the Lattice poſſeſſed by her. This way is equivalent to that now more uſed, of taking her Diameter by Mr. *Townly*'s *Micrometers*; but I have alſo tried and found the ſame thing by an accurate Sextant, taking the diſtance of the Moons oppoſite Limbs.

Now this *Phænomenon* affords two things to be conſidered, firſt why the Moon (I ſtill name the Moon as being an Object more adapted for our ſight, for the ſame thing holds in the Sun) ſhould ſeem bigger about the *Horizon*, then when more elevated; and ſecondly, ſhe appearing bigger, how comes it to paſs that her Diameter being taken, it is no greater than when ſhe appears leſs. But the Diſquiſition concerning this latter being likely to comprehend the former, I ſhall not divide my Diſcourſe into two Branches, but proceed in the Method propoſed. Only I deſire it may be noted, that I ſuppoſe the *Horizontal* and *Meridional* Moon to be found both of the ſame Angle, whereas in truth the the Meridional Moon (tho' appearing leſs) ſhall be found of the greater Angle: which increaſeth the Wonder. But this proceeding from the different diſtances that one and the other is looked at (the Meridional Moon being nigher us by almoſt a Semidiameter of the Earth) and conſequently eaſily ſolved that way; I have therefore choſen to put between them a plain equality, for avoiding Confuſion and Intricacy in Diſcourſe.

Wherefore let us hear what the Ingenious of theſe latter days can ſay to this appearance. And firſt we find the Celebrated *Des-Cartes* attributing

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tributing this appearance rather to a deceived Judgment than to any Natural Affection of the Organ or Medium of sence; for the Moon (says he) being nigh the *Horizon*, we have a better opportunity and advantage of making an Estimate of her, by comparing her with the various Objects that incur the sight, in its way towards her; so that tho' we imagine she looks bigger yet 'tis a meer deceit; for we only think so, because she seems nigher the tops of Trees or Chimneys or Houses or a space of Ground, to which we can compare her, and estimate her thereby; but when we bring her to the Test of an Instrument that cannot be deluded or imposed upon by these appearances, then we find our Estimate wrong, and our Senses deceived. These Thoughts, methinks, are much below the accustomed accuracy of the noble *Des Cartes*; for certainly if it be so, I may at any time increase the apparent bigness of the Moon, tho' in the Meridian; for it would be only by getting behind a Cluster of Chimneys, a Ridg of a Hill, or the top of Houses, and comparing her to them in that posture, as well as in the *Horizon*; besides if the Moon be look'd at just as she is Rising from an *Horizon* determined by a smooth Sea, and which has no more Variety of Objects to compare her to, than the pure Air; yet she will seem big, as if lookt at over the rugged top of an uneven Town or rocky Country. Moreover, all variety of adjoining Objects may be taken off, by looking through an empty Tube, and yet the deluded Imagination is not at all helped thereby. I come next to the solution hereof given

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given by the famous *Thomas Hobbs*; and for this we shall stand in need of *Figure* 41. wherein, says he, let the point G be the Center of the Earth, and F the Eye on the surface of the Earth; on the same Center G let there be struck the two Arches, E H determining the Atmosphere, and A D to represent that blue surface in which we imagine the fixed Stars; and let F D be the *Horizon*. Divide the Arch A D into three equal parts by the lines B F, C F, it is manifest that the Angle A F B is greater than the Angle B F C, and this again greater than the Angle C F D. Wherefore says he, to make the Angle C F D equal to the Angle C F D, the Arch C D must be greater than the Arch C B; and consequently, that the Moon may in the *Horizon* appear under the same Angle as when elevated, she must cover a greater Arch, and therefore seem greater; that is, the Moon in the Meridian appearing under the Angle B F C, that she may appear under an equal Angle in the *Horizon*, as suppose C F D, 'tis necessary the Arch C D should be greater than C B; and consequently tho' she appear to subtend a greater Arch when in the *Horizon* then when elevated, yet she appears under the same Angle. And all this without Refraction. The Geometry of this Figure is most certainly true and demonstrable. At this I quarrel not; but it makes no more in our present Difficulty than if nothing had been said; for the Philosopher has here made a Figure of his own, and from thence he argues as confidently, as if Nature would accommodate her self to his Scheme, and he not

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not oblig'd to accommodate his Scheme to Nature; for here he has made the Circle G F repreſenting the Earth very large in proportion to the Circle A D; and then indeed taking the point F in the Earth's ſurface, and by lines from thence dividing the Angle A F D into what ever equal parts the intercepted Arches A B, B C, C D, ſhall be unequal. But if he had conſidered, that the Earth is as it were a point in reſpect of the Sphere of the fix'd Stars, nay the very annual Orbit of the Earth is almoſt if not altogether imperceptible (ſaving the truth of Mr. *Hook*'s Attempt) he would have found that the Lines F B, F C, F D, muſt be all conceived as drawn from the point G, and then equal Angles will intercept equal Arches, and equal Arches equal Angles: And ſo it happens (at leaſt beyond the poſſibility of diſcovery of ſenſe) to the Eye on the ſurface of the Earth. And beſides he ſhould have conſidered, that all Obſervations Aſtronomical are performed as from the Center of the Earth, and therefore it is that they keep ſuch a ſtir about a Parallax; ſo that his drawing his lines ſo far from G as F is, and to another concentrick Circle ſo nigh as A D, deceived him in this Point.

The famous *Gaſſendus* has written 4 large Epiſtles on this Subject, the ſubſtance of all which is, that the Moon being nigh the *Horizon* and looked at through a more foggy Air, caſts a weaker Light, and conſequently forces not the Eye ſo much as when brighter; and therefore the Pupil does more inlarge it ſelf, thereby tranſmitting a larger Projection

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on the *Retina*. In this Opinion I do find he is not alone, for in the Journals *des Scavans* this Diſquiſition being again revived by a French *Abbe*, he therein follows this Sentiment of *Gaſſendus*. It was firſt publiſhed in the 3d Conference preſented to the Dauphin in *Auguſt* 1672. but by reaſon of an Objection moved by Father *Pardye*, it was fain to be re-publiſhed with ſome additions and amendments in *Octob.* 1672. The addition was, that this contracting and enlarging of the Pupil cauſeth a different ſhape in the Eye; an open Pupil making the *Cryſtalline* flatter and the Eye longer, and the narrower Pupil ſhortning the Eye, and making the *Cryſtalline* more convex, the firſt attends our looking at Objects which are remote or which we think ſo; the latter accompanies the viewing Objects nigh at end. Likewiſe an open Pupil and flat *Cryſtalline* attends Objects of a more ſedate Light, whilſt Objects of more forcible Rays require a greater Convexity and narrow Pupil. From theſe Poſitions the *Abbe* endeavoured to give an account of our *Phænomenon* as follows. When the Moon is nigh the *Horizon*, by compariſon with interpoſed Objects, we are apt to imagine her much farther from us then when more elevated, and therefore (ſays he) we order our Eyes as for viewing an Object farther from us; that is, we ſomething enlarge the Pupil, and thereby make the *Cryſtalline* more flat; moreover the duskiſhneſs of the Moon in that poſture does not ſo much ſtrain the ſight; and conſequently the Pupil will be more large, and the *Cryſtalline* more flat: Hence a larger Image ſhall

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shall be projected on the Fund of the Eye, and therefore the Moon shall appear larger. And this disposition of the Eye that magnifies her, magnifies also the divisions of our forementioned Lattice, and consequently she by her Body shall possess no more of the divisions than when she seems less. These two forementioned accidents, *viz.* the Moons imaginary distance and duskishness, gradually vanishing as she rises, a different *Species* is hereby introduced in the Eye, and consequently she seems gradually less and less, 'till again she approaches nigh the *Horizon*. These two Opinions of *Gassendus* and the *Abbe* being so nigh a-kin, I shall consider them both together, and first I assert that a wider or narrower Aperture increases not, neither diminishes the projection on the *Retina*. I know *Honoratus Faber* in his *Synopsis Optica* endeavours to prove the clear contrary to this my Assertion, and that after this manner. *Fig.* 42. A B is an Object, E F the greater aperture of the Pupil, admitting the projection K I on the *Retina*, whereas the lesser aperture C D admits only the projection G H; but G H is less than K I, wherefore a lesser aperture diminishes the projection. I admire that any Man that undertook (as *Honoratus Faber*) to write of Opticks more accurately than all that went before him, should be guilty of so very gross an Error; and I do more admire that the celebrated *Gassendus*, and with him the noble *Hevelius* should be of the same Opinion: For tho' the foresaid Figure and Demonstration hold most certainly true in direct projections, as in a dark Room with

with a plain hole; yet it will not hold in Projections made by Refraction, as it is in those on the *Retina* in the Eye, by means of the *Crystalline* and other Coats and Humours of the Eye. For a Demonstration of this observe *Fig.* 43. wherein let A B be a remote Object, and E F the *Crystalline* at its large aperture, projecting the Image I M on the *Retina*. Let then G D be the lesser aperture of the Pupil before the *Crystalline*: I say the Image I M shall be projected as large as before, for the Cone of Rays E A F consists partly of the Cone of Rays C A D, therefore where the former E A F is projected, the latter C A D, as being a part of the former, shall be projected also. So that no more is effected by this narrow Aperture, but that the sides of the radiating Cones are intercepted, and consequently the Point I shall be affected with less light, but it shall still be in the same place: What is said of that Cone and that Point may be said of all other Cones and other Points of the Object. From hence appears first, the Invalidity of the Account given of the Moons appearance by *Gassendus* from this Reason. 2dly, The Reason appears why a Telescopes greater or lesser Aperture, makes no difference in the Angle it receives; for imagine E F to be an Object-glass of a Telescope, and 'tis plain. 3dly, 'Tis evident why a greater or less Aperture on a Telescope should make the Objects appear Lighter or Darker, for thereby more or less Rays are admitted to determine on the Projection of each Point. But all this by the by. And this is sufficient for a Confutation

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of *Gaſſendus* and *Faber*: But our forementioned *Abbe* ſuperadds to a greater or leſſer Aperture of the Pupil, as a neceſſary Conſequent, a greater and leſſer Convexity of the *Cryſtalline*, as alſo a lengthening and ſhortening the Tube of the Eye. And this I muſt confeſs would do ſomething if we find it true in our Caſe; and this let us try. Firſt, ſays he, the duskiſhneſs of the Moon nigh the *Horizon* admits the Pupil to enlarge it ſelf, the *Cryſtalline* to flatten, and the Eye to lengthen. But what if we change our Object, and inſtead of the Moon take the diſtance between ſome of the fixt Stars; as ſuppoſe thoſe of *Orions* Girdle) we ſhall find the ſame *Phænomenon* in them, and yet I hope neither he nor *Gaſſendus* will aſſert, that they at one time ſtrain the Eye more than at another, or that at any time their *fulgur* ſtrains the Eye at all; if he do, let him take Stars of the leſſer Magnitudes, nay even thoſe that can but juſt be perceived, and then he will be convinced: Or let him conſider whether this will hold in looking at the Sun through very dark Glaſſes, which render the Sight thereof as inoffenſive to the Eye, as that of a green Field. But perhaps he will then ſay that this other Reaſon holds, which is 2dly, That the greater imaginary diſtance at which we think the Moon near the *Horizon*, than when more elevated, makes us Contemplate her as if really ſhe was ſo, *viz.* with ample Pupils, *&c.* but this I have ſufficiently overthrown in my Remarks againſt *Des Cartes*; therefore I paſs it over, only ſubjoining that if there were any thing in this Surmiſe, my-thinks the *Horizontal*

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Horizontal Moon should be fancied nigher to us than farther from us; for if we are for trying natural Thoughts, let us take Children to determine the Matter, who are apt to think that could they go to the edge of that space that bounds their Sight, they should be able (as they call it) to touch the Sky; and consequently the Moon seems then rather nigher to us than farther from us.

After I had writ thus far I accidentally cast my Eye upon *Riccioli*'s Treatise of Refraction, at the end of his 2*d*. Volume of the *Almagest*, *Lib*. 10. *Sect*. 6. *Cap*. 1. *Quest*. 13. wherin he speaks of our present Difficulty; but to my wonder I find him assert, that he and Father *Grimaldi* had often taken the *Horizontal* Sun and Moons Diameter by a Sextant, when to the naked Eye they appeared very large; (*Grimaldus* directing his Sight to the left edge, and *Ricciolus* to the right,) and that even by the Instrument they always found the Diameters greater than when more elevated, the Sun often subtending an Angle of almost a Degree, and frequently 45 Minutes, the Moon also 38 or 40 Minutes. This is down right contrary to the matter of Fact which I have before alledged, and directly repugnant to the matter of Fact asserted by the *French Abbe* in the forecited Journal. Whether of us be in the right I leave to accurate Experiment to determine, and submit the whole to the decision of the *Illustrious Royal Society*. Only give me leave to add one word against *Riccioli*, for had his Experiments been accurately prosecuted, he should

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have tryed them when the *Horizontal* Moon had look'd ten times more large in Diameter than ordinary; and then if it be true, that even by an Inſtrument ſhe will be found proportionally broader than really ſhe ſhould ſubtend an Angle of 300 Minutes, or 5 Degrees: for very often I have ſeen the Moon when ſhe appeared 10 times broader than ordinary, which the ſmall addition of 8 or 10 Minutes to her uſual Diameter will never Cauſe.

Laſtly, as an Apology for my reviving this diſquiſition to that Noble Company of *Engliſh* Philoſophers, I ſhall only imitate the words of the forementioned *Abbe*'s Letter. *Pour la Raiſon de cette Apparence, & de la tromperie de nos Sens, je la tiens plus Difficile a trouver, que les plus grands Equations d' Algebre, & quand vous y aurez bien penſe, vous m' Obligerez de m' en dire voſtre Sentement*, &c.

After which I have only to ſubſcribe my ſelf an unworthy Member, and an humble Servant and Admirer of that Illuſtrious Company.

Dublin
March 10. 8⅞. *William Molyneux.*

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The Sentiments of the Reverend and Learned Dr. John Wallis R. S. Soc. *upon the aforeſaid Appearance, communicated in a Letter to the Publiſher.*

AS to the laſt Inquiry (concerning which, you ſay, the Royal Society would be glad to know my Opinion;) about the apparent Magnitude of the Sun near the *Horizon*, greater than when conſiderably high:

The Inquiry is Ancient: And, I remember, I diſcourſed it near forty Years ago with Mr. *Foſter*, then Profeſſor of Aſtronomy in *Greſham College*. Who did then aſſure me (from his own Obſervation, I ſuppoſe, for I have never examined it my ſelf,) that the apparent Magnitude taken by Inſtrument (however the Fancy may apprehend it) is not greater at the *Horizon*, than when higher. And Mr. *Caſwel* (when your Letter was communicated to our company here) affirmed the ſame.

And (though I have not my ſelf made the Obſervation) I do not doubt but the thing is ſo. For it is agreed, That Refraction near the *Horizon*, though (as to appearance) it alter the *Altitude* of the thing ſeen; yet it alters not the *Azimuth* at all.

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And it muſt needs be ſo. For, ſince this equally reſpects all points of the *Horizon*; let the Refraction be what it will, the whole *Horizon* can be but a Circle: So that there is no room for the breadth of a thing (as to the Angle at the Eye) to be made greater, whatever its Tallneſs may (the Refraction not equally affecting all parts in the Circles of *Altitude*.) Nor is there any reaſon why this ſhould rather thruſt the other, than that the other thruſt this, out of place.

Whereas, in the *Altitude*, it is otherwiſe: For while what is near the *Horizon* is inlarged, that which is further off is thereby contracted: which as to the *Azimuth* or *Horizontal* Poſition cannot be.

In Spectacles indeed it is otherwiſe; for they repreſent the Object every way enlarged; and do thereby hide the adjacent parts. But in Refraction by Vapours, ſuppoſing all parts of the *Horizon* equally affected by them, one part cannot be expanded in breadth (whatever it may be as to the heighth) without thruſting out another (for the whole *Horizon* can be but a Circle) and, why one part rather than another?

Unleſs we would ſay (as perhaps we may, if there ſhall appear a neceſſity for it) That the Rays of a lucid Body do expand themſelves every way to the prejudice of the parts adjacent, by covering them.

But ſuppoſing (which I am apt to believe, till the contrary ſhall be evinced by Experiment) that the Sun or Moon's apparent Diameter taken by Inſtrument near the *Horizon*, is the ſame as taken in a higher Poſition, (I mean

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mean its *Horizontal* Diameter, or that parallel to the *Horizon*; for the erect Diameter, in a Circle Perpendicular to the *Horizon*, may by the Refraction be varied, and thereby made, not greater, but leſs than when higher; as hath been noted in the Name of *Sol Ellipticus* at the *Horizon*.) Suppoſing, I ſay, that the Sun's apparent Diameter *Horizontal*, taken by Inſtrument, is the ſame near the *Horizon*, as in a higher Poſition, I take its Imaginary greatneſs which is fanſied near *Horizon*, to be only a deception of the Eye; or rather the Imagination from the Eye.

For ſure it is, that the Imagination doth not eſtimate the greatneſs of the Object ſeen, only by the Angle which it makes at the Eye; but, by this compared with the ſuppoſed diſtance.

True it is that, *Cæteris paribus*, we judge that to be the greater Object, which makes at the Eye the greater Angle: But not ſo if apprehended at different Diſtances.

For if through a Caſement (or leſſer aperture) we ſee a Houſe at 100 Yards diſtance; this Houſe (though ſeen under a leſs Angel) doth not to us ſeem leſs than the Caſement through which we ſee it, (or this greater than that, becauſe it makes at the Eye the greater Angle:) But the Imagination makes a comparative Eſtimate from the Angle and Diſtance jointly conſidered.

So that, if two things ſeen under the ſame or equal Angles, if to one of them there be ought which gives the apprehenſion of a greater Diſtance, that to the Imagination will appear greater.

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Now ſure it is, that one great advantage for Eſtimating of a thing ſeen, is, from the variety of intermediate Objects between the Eye and the thing ſeen. For then the Imagination muſt allow room for all theſe things.

Hence it is that if we ſee a thing over two Hills, between which there lies a great Valley unſeen, it will appear much nearer than if we ſee the Valley alſo: And it will appear as juſt beyond the firſt Hill. And if we move forward to the top of the neareſt Hill (that ſo the Valley may be ſeen) it will then appear much further than before it did.

And on this account it is, that the Sun ſetting, appears to us as if it were but juſt beyond the utmoſt of our viſible *Horizon*; becauſe all between that and the Sun is not ſeen. And, upon the ſame account, the Heaven it ſelf ſeems Contiguous to the viſible *Horizon*.

Now when the Sun or Moon is near the *Horizon*, there is a proſpect of Hills, and Vallies, and Plains and Woods, and Rivers, and variety of Fields, and Incloſures, between it and us: which preſent to our Imagination a great Diſtance capable of receiving all theſe. Or, if it ſo chance that (in ſome Poſition) theſe Intermediates are not actually ſeen: Yet having been accuſtomed to ſee them, the Memory ſuggeſts to us a view as large as is the viſible *Horizon*.

But when the Sun or Moon is in a higher Poſition; we ſee nothing between us and them (unleſs perhaps ſome Clouds) and therefore nothing to preſent to our Imagination ſo great a Diſtance as the other is. And

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And therefore, though both be ſeen under the ſame Angle, they do not appear (to the Imagination) of the ſame bigneſs, becauſe not both fanſied at the ſame Diſtances: But that near the *Horizon* is judged bigger (becauſe ſuppoſed farther off) than the ſame when at a greater *Altitude*.

'Tis true, that as to ſmall and middling Diſtances (beſides this Eſtimate from Intermediates) the Eye hath a means within it ſelf to make ſome Eſtimate of the Diſtance. As, when we already know the bigneſs of a thing ſeen, to which we have been accuſtomed; as a Man, a Tree, a Houſe or the like: If ſuch thing appear to us under a ſmall Angle, and indiſtinct, and faintly coloured; the Imagination doth allow ſuch Diſtance, as to make ſuch a thing ſo to appear. And, if this, thro' a Proſpective Glaſs, be repeſented to us under a bigger Angle, and more diſtinct: It is accordingly apprehended as ſo much nearer.

But the caſe is otherwiſe, when we do not by the known bigneſs, judge the Diſtance; but, by the ſuppoſed Diſtance, judge of the bigneſs; as in the Caſe before us.

And accordingly, different Perſons, according to different fancied Diſtances, judge very differently. As, if two Stars be ſhewed to ignorant Perſons, and you ask how far they ſeem to be aſunder: one perhaps will ſay a Foot; another a Yard, or more: And one ſhall ſay, the Sun appears to him as big as a Buſhel; another, as big as a *Holland* Cheeſe: Each eſtimating according to the fancied Diſtance.

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Again; in our two Eyes (when the Object is ſeen by both) there is yet another means of eſtimating how far off it is. (And it is this by which we judge of Diſtances.) Namely, there are, from the ſame Object, two different viſual Cones, terminated at the two Eyes: Whoſe two Axes contain, at the Object, different Angles, according to different Diſtances: An accuter Angle at a great Diſtance, and more obtuſe when nearer.

Now, that ſuch Object may be ſeen by both Eyes, clearly; it is requiſite that the Eyes be put into ſuch a Poſition, as that the Sight of each Eye receive the reſpective Axe at right Angles. Which requires a different Poſition of the two Eyes, according to the different Diſtance of the Object.

As will manifeſtly appear; if we look, with attention, on a Finger (or other ſmall Object) at two or three Inches diſtance from the Eye; and then upon another like Object at three or four Yards beyond it: (and this alternately ſeveral times. For 'twill be manifeſt, that while we look intently on the one, we do not ſee the other (or but confuſedly) though both be juſt before us. And, as we change our view, from the one to the other, we manifeſtly feel a Motion of the Eyes (by their Muſcles) from one poſture to another.

And according to the different poſture in the Eyes, requiſite to a clear Viſion by both, we eſtimate the Diſtance of the Object from us.

And hence it is, that they who have loſt the Sight of one Eye, are at a great diſadvantage,

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as to eſtimating Diſtances, from what they could do while they had the uſe of both.

But now when the Diſtance grows ſo great, as that the Poſition of theſe viſual Axes become Parallel, or ſo near to Parallel, as not to be diſtinguiſhable from it: This advantage is loſt, and we can thenceforth only conclude, that it is far off; but not how far.

Hence it is, that our view can make no diſtinction of the Moon's Diſtance, from that of the other Planets, or even of the fixed Stars: But they ſeem to us as equally remote from us; though we otherwiſe know their Diſtances from us to be vaſtly different. Becauſe the Parallax (as I may ſo call it) from the different Poſition of the two Eyes, is quite loſt, and undiſcernable, in Diſtances much leſs than the leaſt of theſe.

And ſo, of the fixed Stars among themſelves: Which, though they ſeem equally remote from us; many (for ought we know) be at Diſtances vaſtly different. Nor can we tell, which of them is neareſt: (unleſs perhaps we may reaſonably gueſs, thoſe to be neareſt, which ſeem biggeſt.) Becauſe, here not only the Parallax from the Diſtance of the two Eyes; and that from the Earths Semidiameter; but even that from the Semidiameter of the Earths great Orb, is quite loſt; and none remaining, whereby to eſtimate their Diſtance from us.

But (to return to our caſe in hand;) tho' as to ſmall Diſtances, we may make ſome eſtimate from the known *Magnitude* of the Object: And, as to middling diſtances, from the Parallax (as I may call it) ariſing from the

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the interval of the two Eyes: Yet even this latter will hardly reach beyond, if ſo far as the viſible *Horizon*: and all beyond it, is loſt.

So that, there being nothing left to aſſiſt the fancy in eſtimating ſo great a diſtance, but only the intermediate Objects: Where theſe intermediates appear to the Eye, (as, when the Sun or Moon are near the *Horizon*:) the diſtance is fancied greater, than where they appear not, (as when farther from it:) and conſequently (though both under the ſame or equal Angles) that near the *Horizon* is fancied the greater. And this I judge to be the true reaſon of that appearance.

You will excuſe (I hope) what excurſion I have made; becauſe though ſome of them might have been ſpared, as to the preſent caſe; yet they are not impertinent to the buſineſs of Viſion; and the eſtimate to be thence made, of *Magnitudes* and Diſtances, by the Imagination.

The Sun's Eclipſe *May* 1*ſt*. was here obſerved about $\frac{1}{2}$ a Digit; between one and two a Clock after noon.

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A Demonſtration of an Error committed by common Surveyors in comparing of Surveys taken at long Intervals of Time ariſing from the Variation of the Magnetick Needle, by William Molyneux. *Eſq;* F. R. S.

THE Variation of the Magnetick Needle is ſo commonly known, that I need not inſiſt much on the Explication thereof; 'tis certain that the true Solar Meridian, and the Meridian ſhewn by an Needle, agree but in a very few places of the World; and this too, but for a little time (if a moment) together. The Difference between the true Meridian and Magnetick Meridian perpetually varying and changing in all Places and at all Times; ſometimes to the Eaſtward, and ſometimes to the Weſtward.

On which account 'tis impoſſible to compare two Surveys of the ſame place, taken at diſtant times, by Magnetick Inſtruments, (ſuch as the *Circumferentor*, by which the *Down Survey*, or Sir *William Petty's* Survey of *Ireland* was taken) without due allowance be made for this Variation. To which purpoſe we ought to know the Difference between the Magnetick Meridian and true Meridian at

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at that time of the *Down* Survey, and the ſaid difference at the time when we make a new Survey to compare with the *Down* Survey.

But here I would not be underſtood as if I propoſed hereby to ſhew, that a Map of the ſame place, taken by Magnetick Inſtruments at never ſo diſtant times, ſhould not at one time give the ſame *Figure* and *Contents* as at another time. This certainly it will do moſt exactly, the variation of the Needle having nothing to do either in the *Shape* or *Contents* of the Survey. All that is affected thereby, is, the Bearings of the Lines run by the Chain, and the Boundaries between Neighbours. And how this may cauſe a conſiderable Error (unleſs due allowance be made for it) is what I ſhall prove moſt fully.

In order to which, let us ſuppoſe that about the Year 1657. (at which time the *Down* Survey was taken) the Magnetick Meridian and true Meridian did agree at *Dublin*, or pretty nigh all over *Ireland*; that is to ſay, that there was no Variation. And indeed by Experiment it was at that time found, as I am well aſſur'd, that at *Dublin* it was hardly half a Degree.

Let us ſuppoſe that in the year, 1695. the Variation was 7 Degrees from the North to the Weſtward; that it was really ſo, I believe I am pretty well aſſured, from an Experiment thereof made by my ſelf with all diligence. But this is not material, let us now only ſuppoſe it.

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Let *AB* repreſent the Survey of two Town-Lands, one in the poſſeſſion of *A*, and t'other in the poſſeſſion of *B*, which we call *A* Town-Land and *B* Town-Land, taken by the *Down*-Survey, *Anno* 1657. when there was no Variation.

Let the Line *NS* running through the Point *P* be the true Meridian, and conſequently the Magnetick Meridian alſo at that time, becauſe of the ſuppoſed no Variation, and let this Line *NS* be alſo the Boundary between the two Town-Lands *A* and *B*.

In the year 1695. when the Variation is 7 Degrees from the North to the Weſtward, *B* having a *Map* of the *Down* Survey, and being ſuſpicious that his Neighbour *A* had incroached on him by a Ditch *PQ*, imploys a Surveyor to inquire into the matter: The Surveyor finds by his *Map* that the Boundary between *B* and his Neighbour *A* run from the Point *P* through a Meadow directly according to the Magnetick Meridian *SPN*; but obſerving the Ditch *P Q* caſt up much to the Eaſtward of the preſent Magnetick Meridian, he concludes that *A* has incroached on *B*, and that the Ditch ought to have been caſt up alongſt the Line *Pq*, the Angle *QPq* being an Angle of 7 Degrees, that is the preſent Variation of the Needle; and the Line *Pq* the preſent Magnetick Meridian: For which Variation, not making any allowance, he poſitively determines that *B* has all the Land in the Triangle *QPq*, more than he ought to have; and that his Ditch ought to run alongſt the Line *Pq*.

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'Tis true indeed, if the Surveyor go the whole ſurround of the Lands *A* and *B*, he will find their Figure and Contents exactly agreeable to the Map here expreſſed. But then the Bearings of the Lines are all 7 Degrees different from the Bearings in the Map, and they will run in and out upon the adjacent Neighbouring Lands, and cauſe endleſs Differences between their Poſſeſſors; as is manifeſt from the Figure: wherein the prickt Lines repreſent the Diſagreement in the Bearings of the Lines, protracted from the Point *P*; and we ſee *A* incroaching on his Neighbours on the Weſtward, as he incroaches on *B*, and *B*'s Eaſtward Neighbours incroaching on him, and ſo forward and clear round. Whereas, by a due allowance for the Variation of the Needle, all this Confuſion and Diſagreement is avoided, and every thing hits right.

Thus for inſtance in the Caſe before us, knowing that the Magnetick Variation has cauſed the preſent Magnetick Meridian to fall in the Line *n q P s*, 7 Degrees from the North to the Weſtward; to reduce this to the Magnetick Meridian at the time of the Down Survey, I muſt make the Meridian of my Map to fall 7 Degrees to the Eaſtward of my Magnetick Meridian; as we ſee the Line *P Q* falls 7 Degrees to the Eaſtward of the Line *P q*.

What is here ſaid on ſuppoſition that the Magnet had no Variation at the time of the firſt Survey taken, and that it had 7 Degrees variation Weſtward at the time of the ſecond Survey, may eaſily be accommodated to

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to the ſuppoſal of any other Variations at the firſt and ſecond Surveys, *Mutatis mutandis*, for knowing the Variations we know their Difference; and if we know their Difference, this gives us the Angle QPq, by which we reduce them to each other.

The beſt way therefore to make Maps invariable, conſtant and everlaſting, were for the Surveyors, who uſe Megnetick Inſtruments to make always allowance for the Magnetick Variation, and to protract and lay down their Plats by the true Meridian. This the wary Sailer is fully convinced of: and therefore in Steering his Courſe, he conſtantly allows for the preſent Variation, which he obſerves by the *Azimuth* Compaſs, or elſe he would miſs his appointed Harbour oftner then he would hit it: For no two Points on the Globe keep the ſame Bearing to each other by the Magnetick Meridian for any time together. And though the Variation be ſlow, yet in a long Courſe, or in times pretty diſtant, it may cauſe vaſt Errors, unleſs allowed for. Thus for inſtance, ſuppoſe in the year 1660. a Sailor had ſteered from the Land's end of *England* to Cape *Finiſter* in *Spain*, by his Magnetick Compaſs a direct South Courſe; and that at that time there were no Variation. Afterwards *Anno* 1700. when there was (ſuppoſe) 7 Degrees of Variation from the North to the Weſtward, another Sailor intending to make the ſame Paſſage, ſteers directly the ſame Southerly Courſe by his Magnetick Compaſs: I ſay, this laſt Seaman will be carried far into the *Bay of Biſcay* to the Eaſtward, and will miſs of

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of his deſired Port by many Leagues; but if in his Courſe he hath allowed for this Variation, and inſtead of ſailing a direct Southerly Courſe by his Compaſs, he had ſteer'd 7 Degrees from the South to the Weſtward, he had hit his Point. Whether theſe be the true Bearings of theſe two Places, it matters not: We go on to the Suppoſition that they are.

Perhaps it may be objected, That Surveys may be taken without Magnetick Inſtruments, and that therefore this Error ariſing from the Megnetick Variation, and Change of the Bearings of Lines, may be avoided. To which I anſwer, firſt, That granting a Survey may be taken *without* Magnetick Inſtruments, this is nothing againſt what we have laid down relating to Surveys that are taken *with* Magnetick Inſtruments, as the Down Survey actually was, and moſt Surveys at preſent actually are taken therewith. Secondly, Though a Survey may be taken truly without Megnetick Inſtruments, ſo as to ſhew the exact Angles and Lines of the Plat, and conſequently the true Contents, yet this will not give the true Bearings of the Lines, or ſhew my Poſition in relation to my Neighbours, or the other parts of the Country. This muſt be ſupply'd by the Magnet, or ſomething equivalent thereto, as finding a true Meridian Line on your Land by Celeſtial Obſervations. And I doubt not but the ancient *Egyptians*, before the diſcovery of the Magnet were forced to ſome ſuch Expedient in their Surveys and Applotments of Lands between Neighbour and Neighbour, after the Inundations of the *Nile*, which, we are told

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told, gave the first Original to Geometry and Surveying. Absolute Necessity and Use having introduced these, as Delight and Diversion introduced Astronomy amongst the *Chaldeans*.

And this brings me to another Objection which may be made against the Instance before laid down: It may be said, That certainly the Surveyor which *B* imployed was very ignorant, who would choose to judge of the Line *P Q*, rather by its bearing than by determining the Point *Q*, by measuring from *H* and *G*. To this I answer, What if both the Points *H* and *G* were vanish'd since the Down Survey was taken? What if the whole face of the Country were chang'd, save only the Point *P* and the Line *P Q*? How shall the Surveyor then judge of the Line *P Q* but by its bearing? That this is no extravagant Supposition, we have an Example in *Egypt* above-mentioned, where the *Nile* lays all flat before it, and so uniformly covers all with Mud, that there is no distinction. In such a Case your bearing must certainly help you out, there is no other way.

But I answer secondly, To say that the Surveyor might have determin'd the Point *Q* by admeasurement from *G* and *H*, or any other adjoining noted Points, as from *F*, *K*, *L*, &c. 'tis very true; But then 'tis against our Supposition. I am upon shewing an Error that arises from judging of the Line *P Q* by *Magnetick bearing*, and to tell me that this might be avoided by another way, is to say nothing. I my self shew how it may be avoid-

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ed by allowing for the Variation; but still it is an Error, till it be avoided.

But thirdly, If *B*'s Surveyor do not allow for the Variation of the Needle, he will never exactly determin even the Points *G*, *F*, *H*, *K*, &c. or any other Points in the Plat; but instead thereof will fall on the Points *g*, *h*, *f*, *k*.

From what has been laid down, we may see the absolute necessity of allowing for the Variation of the Magnet, in comparing old Surveys with new ones; for want of which great Disputes may arise between neighbouring Proprietors of Lands: and it were to be wish'd that our Honourable and Learned Judges would take this Matter into their Consideration whenever any Business of this kind comes before them. Hitherto an absolute Acquiescence in the Down Survey, without any of the fore-mention'd Allowance, has been agreed upon as a standing Rule in our Courts of Judicature in *Ireland*; but that many Men may be injured thereby, I suppose is manifest from what foregoes.

I have only this to add, That least I be thought herein to strike at the Truth or Exactness of the Down Survey, 'tis not at all the intention of this Paper, but rather to confirm it, by shewing which way Men ought to Examine it truly, and not by the common ways used by them, which rather confound it, and all that claim under it.

See the Table Fig. 44.

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Although this Paper was chiefly deſigned for the ending of Conteſts in the Kingdom of *Ireland* about the intereſts of ſome of thoſe whoſe Lands are Neighbouring, and have been ſurveyed by Magnetick Inſtruments, yet conſidering its univerſal Uſe, it was thought it would be very grateful to the Curious to publiſh it here.

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A Propoſal concerning the Parallax of the fixed Stars, in Reference to the Earths Annual Orb. In ſeveral Letters of May *the* 2d. June 29. *and* July 20. 1693. *from Dr.* John Wallis *to* William Molineux *Eſq;*

SIR,

I Am obliged to you for two Books which you have been pleaſed to ſend me, that of your *Sciothericum Teleſcopicum*, and that of *Dioptricks*; which you have performed ſo well, that I have not been better ſatisfied with any that I have ſeen of that Subject. I ſhould not ſo long have neglected to return my Thanks for them, but that I thought a Letter of bare Thanks to be too empty, unleſs I had ſomewhat elſe to ſend with it.

You will, I hope, give me leave (though I have not the opportunity of being perſonally known to you) to ſuggeſt a Speculation, which hath been in my Thoughts theſe Forty Years or more; but I have not had the opportunity of reducing it to Practice, as being not ſo well ſtored with neceſſary Inſtruments of that kind, nor much exerciſed to Teleſcopick Obſervations. And though I have many Years ſince ſuggeſted it to others, yet neither

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ther have they had leiſure of convenience of putting it in Practice.

It is concerning the Parallax of the fixed Stars, as to the Earths Annual Orb.

Galileo complains of it a great while ſince (in his *Syſtema Coſmicum*) as a thing not attempted to be obſerved with ſuch diligence as he could wiſh, and I doubt we have the ſame cauſe of complaining ſtill. I know that Dr. *Hook* and Mr. *Flamſtead* have attempted ſomewhat that way, but have deſiſted before they came to any thing of Certainty. What hath been done to that purpoſe abroad I know not.

Galileo hath ſuggeſted divers things conſiderable in order to it.

As to the times of Obſervation; That it ſhould be when the Sun or Earth are in the Tropicks, or as near thereto as may be: Becauſe at thoſe times, if any, will be the greateſt difference obſervable in their meridional Altitude.

As to the Stars to be obſerved, That they ſhould be ſuch as are as near as may be to the Pole of the Ecliptick: For ſuch as are in the Plain of the Ecliptick, or near unto it, though they may be ſometime nearer, ſometime farther from us, (which might ſomewhat alter their apparent Magnitude, if it were ſo much as to be obſervable) yet it would little or nothing alter the Parallactick Angle, as *Galilelo* doth there demonſtrate.

He notes alſo, that in a buſineſs ſo nice, the ordinary Inſtruments of Obſervation (though pretty large) would be inſufficient

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(he doubts) for this purpoſe, and doth propoſe, that by the ſide of ſome Edifice or Mountain, at ſome Miles diſtance, the ſetting of ſome noted Star (as that of *Lucidæ Lyræ*) might be obſerved at thoſe different times of the Year, which might be equivalent to an Inſtrument whoſe Radius were ſo large.

Which were a good Expedient if Practicable; but I doubt the Denſity of our Atmoſphere is ſo great, as that it will be hard to diſcern a Star juſt at the Horizon, or even within ſome few Degrees of it: And that the Refraction would be there ſo great, and ſo uncertain, as not to comply with ſo curious an Obſervation.

That which occurred to my Thoughts upon theſe Conſiderations, was to this purpoſe: That ſome Circumpolar Stars (nearer to the Pole of the Equator than is your Zenith, and not far from the Pole of the Zodiack) ſhould be made choice of for this purpoſe. And in caſe the Meridinal Altitude be diſcernably different at different times, ſo will alſo be their utmoſt Eaſt and Weſt Azimuth, which may be better obſerved than their Riſing or Setting: And this will be not obnoxious to the Refraction, as is the Meridional Altitude; (for though the Refraction do affect the Altitude, yet not the Azimuth at all); and we may here have choice of Stars for the purpoſe; which in Obſervations from the bottom of a Well we cannot have; being there confined to thoſe only which paſs very near our Zenith, though very ſmall Stars.

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I would then take it for granted, as a thing at leaſt very probable, that the fixed Stars are not at all (as was wont to be ſuppoſed) at the ſame diſtance from us; but the diſtance of ſome, vaſtly greater than of others; and conſequently, though as to the more remote, the Parallax may be undiſcernable; it may perhaps be diſcernable in thoſe that are nearer to us.

And thoſe we may reaſonably gueſs (tho' we are not ſure of it) to be neareſt to us, which to us do appear biggeſt and brighteſt, as are thoſe of the Firſt and Second Magnitude; and there are at leaſt of the Second Magnitude, pretty many not far from the Pole of the Ecliptick, (as that in particular, in the Shoulder of the leſſer Bear): And in caſe we fail in one, we may try again and again on ſome other; which may chance to be nearer to us than what we try firſt. And Stars of this bigneſs may be diſcerned by a moderate Teleſcope, even in the day-time; eſpecially when we know juſt where to look for them.

The manner of Obſervation I conceive, may be thus: Having firſt pitched upon the Star we mean to obſerve, and having then conſidered (which is not hard to do) where ſuch Star is to be ſeen in its greateſt Eaſt or Weſt Azimuth; it may be then convenient to fix very firm and ſteadily on ſome Tower, Steeple, or other high Edifice (in a convenient ſituation) a good Teleſcopick Object-glaſs in ſuch poſition, as may be proper for viewing that Star. And at a due diſtance from it near the Ground, build on purpoſe (if alrea-

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dy there be not any) some little Stone Wall, or like Place, on which to fix the Eye-glass, so as to answer that Object-glass: And having so adjusted it, as through both to see that Star in its desired Station, (which may best be done while the Star is to be seen by Night in such situation, near the time of one of the Solstices), let it be there fixed so firmly, as not to be disturbed, (and the place so secured, as that none come to disorder it), and care be taken so to defend both the Glasses, as not to be endangered by Wind and Weather. In which contrivance I am beholden to Mr. *John Caswel* M. A. of *Hart-hall* in *Oxford*, for his Advice and Assistance; with whom I have many Years since, communicated the whole matter.

This Glass being once fixed (and a Micrometer fitted to it, so as to have its Threds perpendicular to the Horizon, to avoid any inconvenience which might arise from diversity of Refraction if any be) the Star may then be viewed from time to time (for the following Year or longer) to see if any change of Azimuth can be observed.

This I thought fit to recommend to your Consideration, who do so well understand Telescopes, and the managery of them; not knowing any who is more likely to reduce it to Practice. If you shall think fit to give your self the trouble of attempting the Experiment, and that it succeed well, it will be a noble Observation, and worth the Labour: And, if it should miscarry, the charge I hope would not be great.

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But when I ſuggeſt (as a convenient Star for this purpoſe) the ſhoulder of the leſſer Bear (as being the neareſt to the Pole of the Zodiack of any Star that is of the firſt or ſecond Magnitude), I do not confine you to that Star; but (without retracting that) ſuggeſt another; namely, the middle Star, in the Tail of the great Bear, which (tho' ſomewhat farther from the Pole of the Zodiack) is a brighter Star than the other, and may be nearer to us.

But I do it principally upon this Conſideration: namely, That there is adhering to it a very ſmall Star, (which the *Arabs* call *Alcor*, of which they have a Proverbial ſaying, when they would deſcribe a ſharp-ſighted Man; That he can *diſcern the Rider on the middle Horſe of the Wayn*; and of one who pretends to ſee ſmall things but over-look much greater; *Vidit Alcor at non Lunam plenam*): Which *Hevelius* in his Obſervations, finds to be diſtant from it about 9 Minutes, and 5 or 10 Seconds: So that beſides the advantage of diſcovering the Parallax of the greater Star, if diſcernable. Their difference of Parallax of that and of the leſſer Star (being both within the reach of a Micrometer) may do our Work as well. For if that of the greater Star be diſcernable, but that of the leſſer be either not diſcernable, or leſs diſcernable. Their different diſtances from each other at different times of the the Year, may, perhaps (without farther *Apparatas*) be diſcerned by a good Teleſcope of a competent length, furniſhed with a Micrometer, if carefully pre-

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preſerved from being diſordered in the Intervals of the Obſervations; and diſcover at once, both, that there is a Parallax, and that the fixed Stars are at different diſtances from us, wherein, that I be not miſtaken, my meaning is not, that the Inſtrument or Micrometer ſhould be removed for the obſerving of the leſſer Star; but that (when the Azimuth of the greater Star is taken) by a Micrometer (conſiſting of divers fine Threads parallel and tranſverſe) may (at the ſame time) be obſerved the Diſtance of the two Stars, each from other, in that Poſition (both being at once within the reach of the Micrometer;) which diſtance (the Inſtrument remaining unmoved) if it be found (at different times of the Year) not to be the ſame; this will prove, that there is a *diſferent* Parallax of theſe two Stars.

This latter part of the Obſervation (of their different diſtances at different times) I ſuggeſt, as more eaſily practicable though not ſo nice as the former. For it may be done I think, without any further *Apparatus* there than a good Teleſcope, of ordinary form, furniſhed with a Micrometer, (this being carefully kept unvaried during the Interval of theſe Obſervations. And if this part only of the Obſervation (without the other) be purſued; it matters not though the two Obſervations (near the two Solſtices) be, one at the Eaſtern, the other at the Weſtern Azimuth (whereby both may be taken in the Night-time,) for the diſtance muſt (at both Azimuths) be the ſame, if after obſerving the Azimuth of the greater Star it be neceſ-

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ceſſary to move the Micrometer for meaſuring its diſtance from Alcor that may be done another Night (and it is not neceſſary to be done at one Obſervation) for that diſtance, and cannot be diſcernably varied in a Night or two.

I ſhall give you no farther trouble at preſent, but ſubſcribe my ſelf, Sir,

Yours, &c.

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A Diſcourſe on this PROBLEM;

Why Bodies diſſolved in Menſtrua Specifically lighter than themſelves, ſwim therein?

By Mr. WILLIAM MOLYNEUX, of *Dublin*, Member of the *Royal Society*.

THE Liberty of Philoſophiſing being now univerſally granted between all Men, I am ſure that a difference in Opinion will be no breach of affection between two intirely Loving Brothers: And therefore I ſhall take the freedom to propoſe my own Thoughts in a matter wherein my Brother Mr. *Thomas Molyneux* hath appeared publickly in the *Novelles de la Republique des Letres*, *Mois d' Aout* 1684. *Art* 4. and *Mois de Janvier* 1685. *Art* 7. The Problem propoſed is, *Why Bodies diſſolved float in Liquors lighter than themſelves?* as for Example: Mercury diſſolved in ſtrong Spirit of Nitre ſwims therein, tho' each ſmall Particle of Mercury, be far heavier than ſo much of the Liquor whoſe place it occupies. This, ſays he, cannot be ſolved by the prime Law of Hydroſtaticks, which is, that a Body which is an equal quantity is heavier than a like quantity of Liquor, ſinks in that Liquor;

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quor; thus a Cubick Inch of Iron being heavier than a Cubick Inch of *Aqua-Fortis*, and each Particle (how small soever) of Iron being heavier than a like Particle of *Aqua-Fortis*; Iron being put into *Aqua-Fortis* should sink, and yet we find, that Iron being dissolved in a convenient quantity of *Aqua-Fortis* floats therein, and does not fall to the Bottom. The Reason which my Brother gives for this is, That the internal Motion of the Parts of the Liquor, does keep up the Particles of the dissolved Solid, for they being so every Minute, are movable by the least force imaginable, and the Action of the Particles of the *Menstruum*, is sufficient to drive the Atomes of the dissolved solid Body from place to place; and consequently, notwithstanding their Gravity, they do not sink in the Liquor lighter than themselves. As a Proof of this in the 7*th* Article of *Janvier* 1685. he offers an Experiment known in *Chymistry*, that a *Menstruum* over a digesting Fire (as the *Chymist* speaks) will dissolve a greater quantity of a Body put into it, than when 'tis off the Fire, and if it be taken off the Fire, and suffered to cool, a great Portion will precipitate of that which was perfectly dissolved, whilst the *Menstruum* continued hot. For, *says he*, the Particles of the *Menstruum* acquire a more violent agitation by the Fire, and are therefore able to raise and keep up a greater Quantity of the dissolved Body, or hereby they are able to resist a greater Gravity.

It has been objected against this Notion, that the common Experiment of precipitation,

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tion, by mixing an *Alkaly* with an *Acid* ſeems to contradict this; for thereby the Fluidity of the *Menſtruum* is not taken away, and conſequently, the internal Agitation of its Parts is not diminiſhed, and yet thereupon, the Particles of the diſſolved Body precipitate all to the Bottom. To this he anſwers in the forecited Article of *January*, that all Mixtures of different Liquors introduce in each a different Conformation of Pores, and therefore the Infuſion of a new Liquor, drives the inſenſible Parts of the diſſolved Body from their Places, and forces them to ſtrike againſt each other, and cling together, and ſo becoming more big and heavier than formerly, the internal Agitation of the Liquor is no longer able to move and ſuſtain them, and conſequently they fall to the Bottom.

This, as fairly and ſhortly as I can propoſe it, is his Sentiment of this Phænomenon.

But I conceive an other Account may be given of this Appearance, and that the foreſaid Law of *Hydroſtaticks* is a little deficient. 'Tis true indeed, if we conſider only the ſpecifick Gravity of a Liquor, and the ſpecifick Gravity of a ſolid Particle floating therein, the forementioned Rule is exact; but in ſinking there is requiſite a ſeparation of the Parts of the Liquor by the ſinking Body; and there being a natural Inclination in the Parts of all Liquors to Union ariſing from an Agreement or Congruity of their Parts, there is a reſiſtance therein to any thing that ſeparates this Conjunction: Now unleſs a Body have weight enough to overcome this Congruity or Union of Parts, ſuch a Body will

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will float in a Liquor ſpecifically lighter than it ſelf. But that a heavy Body, as *Mercury* or *Iron* may have its Parts reduced to that Minuteneſs, that their Gravity or Tendency downwards, is not ſtrong enough to ſeparate the Coheſion or Union of the Parts of a Liquor, will be manifeſt, if we conſider, that the Reſiſtance made by the *Medium* to a falling Body, is according to the Superficies of the Body; but as the Body decreaſes in Bulk, its Superficies does not proportionably decreaſe, thus a Sphere of an Inch Diameter, has not eight times leſs Superficies than a Sphere of two Inches Diameter, tho' it have eight times leſs Bulk, and conſequently paſſing through a *Medium*, as ſuppoſe Air or Water, the Sphere of an Inch Diameter is, proportionably to its Bulk, more reſiſted, than a Sphere of two Inches Diameter in proportion to its Bulk, and hence it will come to paſs, that at laſt a Body may be reduced to that Minuteneſs, that its Gravity preſſing downwards (which is according to its Bulk) may be leſs than the reſiſtance of the *Medium*, which operates on the Surface of the Body; ſeeing as I ſaid before, the Surfaces of Bodies do not decreaſe ſo faſt as their Bulks, theſe decreaſing in a *Triplicate*, but thoſe in a *Duplicate Ratio* of the Bodies Diameters.

This Account does not at all oppoſe the Experiment of a *Menſtruum* over the Fire, being able to diſſolve or ſuſtain a greater Quantity of a heavy Body; for the Reaſon of this, as 'tis given by my Brother, does not Contradict my Notion. The Account likewiſe

wiſe, that He gives of Chymical Precipitation agrees very well with what I propoſe: So that of theſe I ſhall ſay no more.

But becauſe in the beginning of my Diſcourſe, I ſay that the forementioned Law of *Hydroſtaticks* is a little defective, I deſire to explain my ſelf a little further in that Point. In Weights falling through the Air, were Gravity only conſider'd, the Proportions of their Deſcents would be exactly as *Galileo* has demonſtrated; but it is allow'd by all, that the Reſiſtance of the Air, not being conſider'd in thoſe Demonſtrations, they are not Mathematically true in Practiſe, but that really there is ſomething of that proportion hindred by the Airs Reſiſtance. Now, what is this leſs than to ſay, that the Reſiſtance of the Air takes off ſome of the Operation of Gravity, or is able to withſtand or oppoſe part of its Action? And if ſo, what ſhall we ſay were an Iron Sphere let through a Medium of Water? Surely the Proportions of its deſcents would be much more diſturbed herein, as Water is much more Solid and difficult to be ſeparated or paſſed through than Air, and conſequently we muſt needs grant, that more of the Operation of Gravity, is taken off or reſiſted by this Oppoſition of the Water, than that of the Air. And if ſo, ſurely there may be a certain degree of Gravity, that may be quite taken off by the reſiſtance of the Water: Were a Piſtol Bullet let fall through the Air, it would deſcend imperceptibly nigh the Proportions that *Galileo* has aſſigned, but were a ſingle grain of Sand ſo let fall, it would be much hindred

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in its Course, and the half of this Grain would be more obstructed; what shall we then say of the ten thousandth part, or of a part the ten thousand millioneth of this, and again of the Infinits Subdivisions of that, 'till at last we come to a part that would be wholly resisted, or kept up; such as I conceive the minute Particles of a Body dissolved in a *Menstruum?*

On this account 'tis, I say, that the forementioned Principle of *Hydrostaticks* is a little defective; for it considers not the natural Congruity of the Parts of a Liquor, whereby they desire, as 'twere, to unite and keep together, just as we see two drops of Water on a dry Board being brought together do jump and coalesce, and therefore Liquors have an innate power of resisting a certain degree of force that would separate them; such as I suppose the degree of Gravity, in the most minute Particles of a Body dissolved in a *Menstruum.*

The fore-mentioned Rule holds true to the most nice Sense in great Bodies, but in those that are by many Millions of Divisions smaller, it seems to fail.

This, in short, is my Conjecture in this matter, which I propose, as my Brother did his, with all submission imaginable, and thereby to give occasion to others to enquire into the Causes of this appearance, rather than to publish my own Sentiments as the undoubted Solution thereof.

But this I must acknowledge, that the internal motion of the parts of a Liquor seems so very agreeable to truth, and explicates so

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many Phænomena eaſily and plainly, that I would not be thought to deny it. Neither would I be thought wholly to reject my Brothers Solution of this Problem; for certainly that Motion (whatſoever it is) in a *Menſtruum*, which is able to diſſolve ſuch a ſolid Body as Iron, that is, which is able to diſturb the cloſe and ſtrong Coheſion of the Parts of Iron, may very well be ſuppoſed ſufficient to diſturb or keep up theſe parts from reſting in the bottom of the Veſſel, wherein the ſolution was made: And certainly no better account can poſſibly be given of ſuch Solutions, than by ſuppoſing ſuch an internal motion in the parts of the *Menſtruum* inſinuating themſelves into the ſolid Body, and looſening its parts. And tho' it may be objected, that in the parts of Water there may be ſuppoſed as violent an internal motion, as in the parts of *Aqua-Fortis*, and yet we ſee Water will not diſſolve Iron as *Aqua-Fortis* does, and common Bees-Wax is diſturbed by neither of them, I leave the nice enquiry after this Point to others, *viz.* What kind of Motion and peculiar Conformation of parts is requiſite both in the *Menſtruum* and in the diſſolved Body, that a Solution may reſult from their Commixture.

Some Reflections on the foregoing Paper by Mr. T. M.

What my Brother has laid down in this Diſcourſe, I think does moſt undeniably evince that the received Law of *Hydroſtaticks* is ſomewhat defective. For Liquors, tho' they are

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are Fluid yet they are Bodies, and therefore conſiſt of parts united; which Union, tho' it be eaſily deſtroy'd, yet of neceſſity it requires ſome degree of Force for the effecting it; nor is it more manifeſt, if rightly conſidered, that a Flint requires Force for the ſeparation of its parts, than that Fluids do for theirs. But however, I imagine, this Property ought not to be relied upon as the ſole Cauſe of this appearance, to which my Brother has apply'd it; nay perhaps does not ſo much as concur the leaſt in the producing this effect; my Reaſon in ſhort is this: Whatever is of ſufficient Power to raiſe the minute Particles of a *heavy Body* in a light Fluid, is certainly a ſufficient cauſe to keep them in that ſtate: Now my Suppoſition may give ſome account of this, what my Brother ſays, never can; for he muſt neceſſarily ſuppoſe them firſt raiſed; and then he gives the reaſon of their not ſinking: Whereas 'tis not to be queſtioned but that that Force which raiſed them, is the ſame which keeps them from falling to the bottom.

But theſe Conjectures (for I eſteem them no more) I leave to the Conſideration of thoſe that deſire to enquire further in this Matter.

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Of the weight of a cubic foot of divers grains, &c. try'd in a Veſſel of well-ſeaſon'd Oak, whoſe concave was an exact cubit foot. By the direction of the Philoſophical Society at Oxford.

THE following Bodies were poured gently into the Veſſel, and thoſe in the 12 firſt Experiments were weighed in ſcales turning with 2 ounces, but the laſt 7 were weigh'd in ſcales turning with one ounce. The pounds and ounces here mentioned are Avoirdupois.

	lb.	℥.
1. A foot of Wheat (worth 6 *s.* a Buſhel) weigh'd of Avoirdupois weight.	47.	8.
2. *Wheat* of the beſt ſort (worth 6 *s.* 4 *d.* a Buſhel)	48.	4.
3. The ſame ſort of *Wheat* meaſured a ſecond time.	48.	2.
Both ſorts were red *Lammas Wheat* of the laſt year.		
4. White *Oats* of the laſt year.	29.	8.
The beſt ſort of *Oats* were 2 *d.* in a Buſhel better than theſe.		
5. Blue *Peaſe* (of the laſt year) and much worm-eaten.	49.	12.
6. White *Peaſe* of the laſt year but one.	50.	8.

7. *Barley*

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	lb.	s.
7. *Barley* of the last year (the best sort sells for 1 *s.* 6 *d.* in a Quarter more than this.	41.	2.
8. *Malt* of the last years Barley, made 2 Months before.	30.	4.
9. Field-*Beans* of the last year but one.	50.	8.
10. Wheaten *Meal* (unsifted).	31.	0.
11. Rye *Meal* (unsifted.)	28.	4.
12. Pump *Water*.	62.	8.
13. Bay *Salt*.	54.	1.
14. White Sea-*Salt*.	43.	12.
15. Sand.	85.	4.
16. *Newcastle Coal*.	67.	12.
17. Pit-Coal from *Wednesbury*, 63. but this is very uncertain in the filling the Interstices betwixt the greater pieces.	63.	0.
18. Gravel.	109.	5.
19. Wood-Ashes.	58.	5.

A further List of the Specifick Gravities *of Bodies, being in proportion as the following numbers.*

PUmp-water	1000
Fir dry	546
Elm dry	600
Cedar dry	613
Walnut-tree dry	631
Crab-tree meanly dry	765
Ash meanly dry, and of the out-side lax part of the Tree	734
Ashmore dry, but about the Heart	845
Maple-tree	755

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Yew of a Knot or Root 16 years old	760
Beech meanly dry	854
Oak very dry, almoſt Worm-eaten	753
Oak of the out-ſide ſappy part, fell'd a year ſince	870
Oak dry, but of a very ſound cloſe texture	929
The ſame tried another time	932
Logwood	913
Claret	993
Moil Cyder not clear	1017
Sea-water ſetled clear	1028
College plain Ale the ſame	1028
Urine	1030
Milk	1031
Box the ſame	1031
Redwood the ſame	1031
Sack	1033
Beer Vinegar	1034
Pitch	1150
Pit-Coal of Stafford-ſhire	1240
Speckled wood of Virginia	1313
Lignum Vitæ	1327
Stone-bottle	1777
Ivory	1826
Alabaſter	1872
Brick	1979
Heddington-ſtone, the ſoft lax kind	2029
Burford-ſtone, an old dry piece	2049
Paving-ſtone a hard ſort from about Blaidon	2460
Flint	2542
Glaſs of a quart Bottle	2666
Black Italian Marble	2704
White Italian Marble tried twice	2707

White

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White Italian Marble of another sort of a visibly closer texture	2718
Block-tin	7321
Copper	8843
Lead	11345
Quick-silver	14019
Quick-silver	13593

The last Experiment was tried with another quantity of Quick-silver, which had been used in Water in the preceding Experiment: However I rather trust the last, for that I found a small mistake (tho' here in the calculation allowed for) in the weight of the Glass containing the Quick-silver in the trial before.

The Solids here mentioned were examined *hydrostatically* by weighing them in Air and Water; but the Fluids, by weighing an equal portion of each in a Glass holding about a quart. The numbers shew the proportion of gravity of equal portions of these Bodies; but if of these Bodies we take portions equally heavy, their magnitudes will be reciprocally proportional to their correspondent numbers, *e.g.* a cubic foot of water is to a cubic foot of Alabaster in gravity as 1000 to 1872; but a pound weight of water, is to a pound weight Albaster in magnitude as 1872 to 1000. So that knowing by the former Table the weight of a cubic foot of Water, and by this, the proportion in gravity betwixt Water and Alabaster, we may by the Rule of Three find the weight of a cubic foot of Alabaster, and so of any other of these Bodies; or we may know their magnitude by knowing their

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gravity. So that an irregular piece or quantity of theſe Bodies being offered, 'tis but weighing them, and we may know their juſt magnitude without further trouble.

Obſervations of the Comparative, Intenſive or Specific Gravities of various Bodies. Made by Mr. J. C.

PUmp-water,	1000
Cork,	237
Saſſafras Wood,	482
Juniper Wood (dry)	556
Plum-tree, (dry)	663
Maſtic,	849
Santalum Citrinum,	809
Santalum album,	1041
Santalum rubrum,	1128
Ebony,	1177
Lignum Rhodium,	1125
Lignum Aſphaltum,	1179
Aloes,	1177
Succinum pellucidum,	1065
Succinum pingue,	1087
Jet,	1238
The top part of a Rhinocero's horn,	1242
The top part of an Ox horn,	1840
The (Blade) bone of an Ox,	1656
An human Calculus,	1240
Another Calculus humanus,	1433
Another Calculus,	1664
Brimſtone, ſuch as commonly ſold,	1811
Borax,	1720
A ſpotted factitious Marble,	1822
A Gally-Pot,	1928

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Oyſter-ſhell,	2092
Murex-ſhell,	2590
Lapis manati,	2279
Selenitis,	2322
Wood petrefied in *Lough-Neagh*,	2341
Onyx-ſtone,	2510
Turcois-ſtone,	2508
Engliſh Agat	2512
Grammatias lapis,	2515
A Cornelian,	2568
Corallachates,	2605
Talc.	2657
Coral,	2689
Hyacinth (ſpurious)	2631
Jaſper (ſpurious)	2666
A pellucid Pibble,	2641
Rock Cryſtal,	2659
Cryſtallum Diſdiaclaſticum,	2704
A red Paſte,	2842
Lapis Nephriticus,	2894
Lapis Amiantus from *Wales*,	2913
Lapis Lazuli	3054
An Hone,	3288
Sardachates,	3598
A Granat,	3978
A Golden Marcaſite,	4589
A blue Slate with ſhining Particles,	3500
A mineral Stone, yielding 1 part in 160 Metal,	2650
The Metal thence extracted,	8500
The (reputed) Silver Ore of *Wales*,	7464
The Metal thence extracted,	11087
Biſmuth,	9859
Spelter,	7065
Spelter Soder,	8362
Iron of a Key,	7643
	Steel,

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Steel,	7852
Caſt Braſs,	8100
Wrought Braſs,	8280
Hammer'd Braſs,	8349
A falſe Guinea,	9075
A true Guinea,	18888
Sterling Silver,	10535
A braſs Half-Crown,	9468
Electrum, a Britiſh Coin,	12071
A Gold Coin of *Barbary*,	17548
A Gold Medal from *Morocco*,	18420
A *Mentz* Gold Ducat,	18261
A Gold Coin of *Alexanders*,	18893
A Gold Medal of Queen *Mary*,	19100
A Gold Medal of Queen *Elizabeth*,	19125
A Medal eſteem'd to be near fine Gold,	19636

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A Letter of Dr. Wallis *to Dr.* Sloane, *concerning the Generation of Hail, and of Thunder and Lightning, and the Effects thereof.*

Oxon. July 26. 1697.

SIR,

I Thank you for the Tranſactions of *June* which you ſent me; wherein I am well pleaſed with Mr. *Halley*'s Remarks on the Torricellian Experiment at the top of *Snowdon-hill* in *Wales*, at the height of 1240 yards perpendicular. Where the height of that Quickſilver in the Baroſcope was 3 Inches and $\frac{1}{10}$ leſs than below at the Sea-ſide; which is an Obſervation of good uſe; and would have been more ſo, had he had the leiſure to make like Obſervations at ſeveral other perpendicular heights in the Aſcent. For from ſuch comparative Obſervations we are to make an Eſtimate, at what proportion the height of the Quickſilver doth decreaſe in reference to the height of the place. I mean whether in the ſame Proportion, or the Duplicate, Sub-duplicate, or how otherwiſe Complicate thereof. From whence we may make a Judgment of the height of the Atmoſphere, if at leaſt it have a determinate height. I did once attempt (a great while ſince) a Computation of it; but wanted a ſufficient number of *Data* to proceed upon.

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But that which is moſt ſurprizing in thoſe Tranſactions is, the prodigious *Hails* there mentioned; which happen'd at many Places, on different Days, and all within the compaſs of leſs than ſix Weeks. I have been told of the like in other Places about the ſame time, in *Lincolnſhire*, *Hampſhire*, and elſewhere; whether or no on the ſame Days which you mention, I cannot tell; nor can I give a parcicular Account of them. But it would be kind in thoſe who can, to give you like Accounts thereof with thoſe you have Publiſhed, for a like publick Information.

I find it is thought very ſtrange, what ſhould cauſe ſo ſudden a Congelation of Hail-ſtones to ſo great a bigneſs before they fell. And it is indeed very ſtrange. But it is not neceſſary that the whole bigneſs be attained before they begin to fall, but the freezing may continue during the Fall, to increaſe the Bulk. For I remember that (many Years ſince) I obſerved here at *Oxford* a ſtrange ſhower of Hail, wherein (beſides the formed Stones that fell on the Ground, there did hang on the Trees a great deal in the Form of Icicles (a Foot or more in length) ſo many and heavy, as to break off ſome Boughs with their weight; and I was then told, that in ſome places great Branches of Trees were ſo broken off; which muſt needs be from the continuing to freeze during the fall.

And truly the Generation of Hail in general, is a thing which deſerves to be farther inquired into, than (I think) hath been yet done. I find Mr. *Halley* (in his Narration) aſcri-

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aſcribing it to *Vapour diſpoſing the Aqueous Parts ſo to congeal.* And not unlikely.

If I may interpoſe my Opinion, you may take it thus:

Thunder and Lightning are ſo very like the Effects of fired Gun-powder, that we may reaſonably judge them to proceed from like Cauſes. The violent Exploſion of Gun-powder, attended with the Noiſe and Flaſh, is ſo like that of Thunder and Lightning, as if they differed only as Natural and Artificial; as if Thunder and Lightning were a kind of natural Gun-powder, and this a kind of artificial Thunder and Lightning.

Now the principal Ingredients in Gun-powder are, Nitre and Sulphur (the Admiſtion of Charcole being chiefly to keep the Parts ſeparate for the better kindling of it.) So that if we ſuppoſe in the Air, a convenient mixture of Nitrous and Sulphorous Vapours, and thoſe by Accident to take Fire; ſuch Exploſion may well follow, with ſuch Noiſe and Light, as in the firing of Gun-powder. And being once kindled, it will run on from Place to Place as the Vapour leads it, as in a Train of Gun-powder, with like Effects.

This Exploſion, if high in the Air, and far from us, will do no Miſchief, or not conſiderable; like a parcel of Gun-powder fired in the open Air, where is nothing near to be hurt by it: But if near, to us (or among us) it may kill Men or Cattle, tear Trees, fire Gunpowder, break Houſes, or the like; as Gun-powder would do in like Circumſtances.

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Now this nearneſs or farneſs may be eſtimated by the Diſtance of Time between ſeeing the Flaſh of Lightning, and hearing the Noiſe of the Thunder. For though in their Generation, they be ſimultaneous; yet (Light moving faſter than Sound) they come to us ſucceſſively. I have obſerv'd that, commonly, the Noiſe is about Seven or Eight Seconds after the Flaſh (that is, about half a quarter of a Minute); but ſometimes much ſooner, in a Second or Two, or leſs than ſo, and almoſt immediately upon the Flaſh. And at ſuch time, the Exploſion muſt needs be very near us, or even amongſt us. And, in ſuch Caſes, I have (more than once) preſaged the Expectation of Miſchief, and it hath proved accordingly, in the Deſtruction of Men or Cattel, and the like. (As once at *Oxford*; when, within half an Hour after ſuch Preſage, I heard of one killed at *Medly*, hard by, and others endangered; and another time at *Towceſter*, when within a few Hours after, we heard of Five Perſons kill'd at *Everton*, about Four or Five Miles from us, and others wounded; beſide other Hurt done.)

Now, that there is in Lightning a Sulphorous Vapour, is manifeſt from the Sulphorous Smell which attends it, eſpecially when Hurt is done; and even where no Hurt is done, from the Lightning it ſelf, more or leſs diſcernable. And a ſultry Heat in the Air, is commonly a Fore-runner of Lightning ſoon after.

And that there is alſo a Nitrous Vapour with it, we may reaſonably judge, becauſe we do not know of any Body ſo liable to a ſuddain and violent Exploſion.

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Now theſe Materials being admitted, it remains to be conſidered, how they may be kindled in order to ſuch Exploſion. As to which, I have been told from Chymiſts (though I have not ſeen it tried) That a Mixture of Sulphur, Filings of Steel, with the Admiſſion of a little Water, will not only cauſe a great Effervescence, but will of it ſelf break forth into an actual Fire.

So that there wants only ſome Chalybeat or Vitriolick Vapour (or ſomewhat equivalent) to produce the whole Effect (there being no want of Aqueous Matter in the Clouds.)

And there is no doubt, but that amongſt the various *Effluvia* from the Earth, there may be copious Supplies of Matter for ſuch Mixtions.

And 'tis known, that Hay, if laid up too Green, will not only heat, but take Fire of it ſelf.

And while we are diſcourſing of this, it may ſuggeſt ſomewhat as to the Generation of Hail which is very oft an attendant of Thunder and Lightning. 'Tis well known, in our artificial Congelations, that a Mixture of Snow and Nitre (or even common Salt) will cauſe a preſent and very ſuddain Congelation of Water. And the ſame in Clouds may cauſe that of Hail-ſtones. And the rather, becauſe (not only in thoſe prodigiouſly great, but in common Hail-ſtones) there ſeems ſomewhat like Snow rather than Ice, in the midſt of them.

And, as to thoſe in Particular (of which we are now ſpeaking) ſo very large (as to weigh Half a Pound, or Three Quarters of a Pound) ſup-

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ſuppoſing them to fall from ſo great a Height, as 'tis manifeſt they did by the Violence of their Fall: 'Tis very poſſible, that though their firſt Concretion, upon their ſuddain Congelation, might be but moderately great, as in other Hail; yet, in their long Deſcent, if the *Medium* through which they fall were alike inclined to Congelation, they might receive a great Acceſſion to their Bulk, and divers of them incorporate into one Like as in thoſe Icicles before mentioned.

Theſe have been my Thoughts, occaſioned by the Conſideration of the ſurprizing Greatneſs of theſe Hail-ſtones, with the great Thunder and Lightning which did attend theſe Storms.

Yours, &c.

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Aſtronomy of *Comets.*

THE ancient *Egyptians* and *Chaldeans* (if we may credit *Diodorus Siculus*) by a long Courſe of Obſervations, were able to predict the *Apparitions* of Comets. But ſince they are alſo ſaid, by the Help of the ſame Arts, to have prognoſticated Earthquakes and Tempeſts, 'tis paſt all Doubt, that their Knowledge in theſe Matters, was the Reſult rather of meer *Aſtrological Calculation*, than of any *Aſtronomical Theories* of the Cœleſtial Motions. And the *Greeks*, who were the Conquerors of both thoſe People, ſcarce found any other ſort of Learning amongſt them, than this. So that 'tis to the *Greeks* themſelves as the Inventors (and eſpecially to the Great *Hipparchus*) that we owe this *Aſtronomy*, which is now improv'd to ſuch a Heigth. But yet, amongſt theſe, the Opinion of *Ariſtotle* (who wou'd have Comets to be nothing elſe, but Sublunary Vapours, or Airy Meteors)

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prevail'd ſo far, that this moſt difficult Part of the Aſtronomical Science lay altogether neglected; for no Body thought it worth while to take Notice of, or write about, the Wandring uncertain Motions of what they eſteemed Vapours floating in the *Æther*; whence it came to paſs, that nothing certain, concerning the Motion of Comets, can be found tranſmitted from them to us.

But *Seneca* the *Philoſopher*, having conſider'd the *Phænomena* of Two remarkable Comets of his Time, made no Scruple to place them amongſt the *Cœleſtial* Bodies; believing them to be *Stars* of equal Duration with the World, tho' he owns their Motions to be govern'd by Laws not as then known or found out. And at laſt (which was no untrue or vain Prediction) he foretells, that there ſhould be Ages ſometime hereafter, to whom Time and Diligence ſhou'd unfold all theſe Myſteries, and who ſhou'd wonder that the Ancients cou'd be ignorant of them, after ſome lucky Interpreter of Nature had ſhewn, *in what Parts of the Heavens the Comets wander'd, what, and how great they were.* Yet almoſt all the Aſtronomers differ'd from this Opinion of *Seneca*; neither did *Seneca* himſelf think fit to ſet down thoſe *Phænomena* of the Motion, by which he was enabled to maintain his Opinion: Nor the *Times* of thoſe Appearances, which might be of uſe to Poſterity, in order to the Determining theſe Things. And indeed, upon the Turning over very many Hiſtories of Comets, I find nothing at all that can be of Service in this Affair, before, *A. D.* 1337. at which time *Nicephorus Gregoras*, a *Conſtantinopolitan Hiſtorian* and *Aſtronomer*, did pretty

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pretty accurately deſcribe the *Path* of a Comet amongſt the Fix'd Stars, but was too laxe as to the Account of the *Time*; ſo that this moſt doubtful and uncertain Comet, only deſerves to be inſerted in our Catalogue, for the ſake of its appearing near 400 Years ago.

Then the next of our Comets was in the Year 1472, which being the ſwifteſt of all, and neareſt to the Earth, was obſerv'd by *Regiomantanus*. This Comet (ſo frightful upon the Account both of the Magnitude of its Body, and the Tail) mov'd Forty Degrees of a great Circle in the Heavens, in the Space of one Day; and was the firſt, of which any proper Obſervations are come down to us. But all thoſe that conſider'd Comets, until the Time of *Tycho Brahe* (that great Reſtorer of Aſtronomy) believ'd them to be below the Moon, and ſo took but little Notice of them, reckoning them no other than Vapours.

But in the Year 1577, (*Tycho* ſericuſly purſuing the Study of the Stars, and having gotten large Inſtruments for the Performing Cœleſtial Menſurations, with far greater Care and Certainty, than the Ancients cou'd ever hope for) there appear'd a very remarkable Comet; to the Obſervation of which, *Tycho* vigorouſly applied himſelf; and found by many juſt and faithful Trials, that it had not a *Diurnal Parallax* that was at all perceptible: And conſequently was not only no Aireal Vapour, but alſo much higher than the Moon; nay, might be plac'd amongſt the Planets for any thing that appear'd to the Contrary; the cavilling Oppoſition made by ſome of the

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School-men in the mean time, being to no Purpose.

Next to *Tycho*, came the Sagacious *Kepler*. He having the Advantage of *Tycho*'s Labours and Observations, found out the *true Physical* System of the World, and vastly improv'd the Astronomical Science.

For he demonstrated that all the Planets perform their Revolutions in *Elliptick Orbits, whose Plains pass thro' the Center of the Sun*, observing this Law, That the *Area's (of the Elliptick Sectors, taken at the Center of the Sun, which he proved to be in the common Focus of these Ellipses) are always proportional to the Times, in which the correspondent Elliptical Arches are describ'd.* He discover'd also, That *the Distances of the Planets from the Sun are in the* Sesquialtera Ratio *of the Periodical Times*, or (which is all one) That *the Cubes of the Distances are as the Squares of the Times.* This great Astronomer had the Opportunity of observing Two Comets, one of which was a very remarkable one. And from the Observations of these (which afforded sufficient Indications of an *Annual Parallax*) he concluded, That *the Comets mov'd freely thro' the Planetary Orbs, with a Motion not much different from a Rectilinear one; but of what Kind he cou'd not then precisely determine.* Next, *Hevelius* (a Noble Emulator of *Tycho Brahe*) following in *Kepler*'s Steps, embraced the same Hypothesis of the *Rectilinear Motion of Comets*, himself accurately observing many of them. Yet, he complain'd, that his Calculations did not perfectly agree to the Matter of Fact in the Heavens: And was aware, that *the Path of a Comet was bent into a Curve Line towards the Sun.*

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Sun. At length, came that prodigious Comet of the Year 1680. which deſcending (as it were) from an infinite Diſtance *Perpendicularly* towards the Sun, aroſe from him again with as great a Velocity.

This Comet, (which was ſeen for Four Months continually) by the very remarkable and peculiar Curvity of its Orbit (above all others) gave the fitteſt Occaſion for inveſtigating the *Theory of the Motion.* And the *Royal Obſervatories* at *Paris* and *Greenwich* having been for ſome time founded, and committed to the Care of moſt *excellent Aſtronomers*, the *apparent* Motion of this Comet was moſt accurately (perhaps as far as Humane Skill cou'd go) obſerv'd by Mrs. *Caſſini* and *Flamſteed.*

Not long after, that *Great Geometrician*, the *Illuſtrious Newton*, writing his *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philoſophy*, demonſtrated not only that what *Kepler* had found, did neceſſarily obtain in the *Planetary Syſtem*; but alſo, that all the *Phænomena* of Comets wou'd naturally follow from the ſame Principles; which he abundantly illuſtrated by the Example of the aforeſaid Comet of the Year 1680. ſhewing, at the ſame time, a Method of Delineating the Orbits of Comets Geometrically; wherein he (not without the higheſt Admiration of all Men) ſolv'd a Problem, whoſe Intricacy render'd it worthy of himſelf. This Comet he prov'd to move round the Sun in a Parabolical Orb, and to deſcribe Area's (taken at the Center of the Sun) proportional to the Times.

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Wherefore (following the Steps of so *Great a Man*) I have attempted to bring the same Method to *Arithmetical Calculation*; and that with desired Success. For, having collected all the Observations of Comets I could, I fram'd this Table, the Result of a prodigious deal of Calculation, which, tho' but small in Bulk, will be no unacceptable Present to Astronomers. For these Numbers are capable of Representing all that has been yet observ'd about the Motion of Comets, by the Help only of the following *General Table*; in the making of which I spar'd no Labour, that it might come forth perfect, as a Thing consecrated to Posterity, and to last as long as *Astronomy* it self.

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Astronomical Elements of the Motions in a Parabolick Orb of all the Comets that have been hitherto duly observ'd.

Comet. An	Nodus Ascend.	Incum. Orbita.	Perihelium.	Distan. Perihel. a Sole.	Log. Dist. Perihelii à Sole.	Temp aequat. Perihelii.	Perihelion à Nodo.	
	gr. ′ ″	gr. ′ ″	gr. ′ ″			d. h.	gr. ′ ″	
1337	♊ 24.21. c	32.11. c	♉ 7.59. o	40066	9.602930	*June* 2. 6.25	46.22. c	retrog.
1472	♍ 11.46.20	5.20. c	♉ 15.33.30	54273	9.734581	*Feb.* 28 22.23	123.47.10	Retrog.
1531	♉ 19.25. c	17.56. c	♍ 1.39. o	56700	9.753283	*Aug.* 24.21.18½	107.46. o	Retrog.
1532	♊ 20.27. c	12.36 c	♋ 21. 7. o	50910	9.706803	*Oct.* 19 22.12	30.40. o	Direct.
1556	♍ 25.42. c	32. 6.30	♍ 8.50. o	46200	9.666424	*Apr.* 21.20. 3	103. 8. o	Direct.
1577	♈ 25.52. c	74 32.45	☊ 9.22. o	18342	9 263470	*Oct.* 26 18.45	103.30. o	Retrog.
1580	♈ 18.57.20	54.40. o	♋ 19. 5.50	59628	9.775450	*Nov* 28 15.00	90. 8.30	Direct.
1585	♉ 7.42 30	6 4. o	♈ 8.51. o	10925 8	0.038850	*Sept.* 27.19.20	98.51.30	Direct.
1590	♍ 15.30.40	29.40.40	♏ 6.54 30	57661	9.760882	*Jan.* 29. 3.45	51.23.50	Retrog.
1596	♒ 12.12.30	55.12. o	♏ 18.16. o	51293	9.710058	*Juli* 31.19.55	83.56.30	Retrog.
1607	♉ 20.21. o	17. 2. o	♒ 2.16. o	58680	9.768490	*Oct.* 16. 3 50	108.05. o	Retrog.
1618	♊ 16. 1. o	27.34 o	♈ 2.14. o	37975	9.579498	*Oct.* 29.12 23	73.47. o	Direct.
161	♊ 28.10. o	79.28. o	♈ 28 18 40	84750	9.928140	*Nov.* 2.15.40	59.51.20	Direct.
1661	♊ 22.30 30	32.35.50	♋ 25.58.40	44851	9.651772	*Jan.* 16.23.41	33.28.10	Direct.
1664	♊ 21.14. o	21.18.30	♎ 10.41.25½	102575½	0.011044	*Nov.* 24.11.52	49.27.25	Retrog.
1665	♏ 18.02. o	76.05. o	♊ 11.54.30	10649	9.027309	*Apr.* 14. 5.15½	166 7.30	Retrog.
1672	♈ 27.30.30	83.22.10	♉ 16.59.30	69739	9.843476	*Feb.* 20. 8.37	109.29. o	Direct.
1677	♏ 26.49.10	79 03.15	♎ 17.37. 5	28059	9.448072	*Apr.* 26.00.37½	99.12. 5	Retrog.
1680	♈ 2. 2. o	60.56. o	♑ 22.39.30	006123½	7.781706	*Dec.* 8.00. 6	9.22.30	Direct.
1682	♉ 21.16.30	17.56. o	♏ 2.52.45	58328	9.765877	*Sept.* 4.07.39	108.22 45	Retrog.
1683	♍ 23.23. o	83.11. o	♊ 25.29.30	56020	9.748343	*Juli* 3. 2 50	87.53.30	Retrog.
1684	♑ 28.15. o	55.48.40	♏ 28.52. o	96015	9 983399	*Mai* 29.10.16	29.23 00	Direct.
1686	♐ 20.34.45	31.21.40	♊ 17.00.30	32500	9.511883	*Sept.* 6.14.33	86.25.50	Direct.

This Table needs little Explication, since 'tis plain enough om the Titles, what the Numbers mean. Only it may be bserv'd, that the *Perihelium* Distances, are estimated in such arts, as the Middle Distance of the Earth from the Sun, con-ains 100000.

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A General Table for Calculating the Motions of Comets in a Parabolical Orbit.

Mea. mot.	Ang. a peribelio.	Logar. pro dist. à Sole.	Mea. mot.	Ang. a peribelio.	Logar. pro dist. à Sole.
o	gr. ′ ″		o	gr. ′ ″	
1	1.31.40	0.000077	31	42.55.06	0.062400
2	3. 3.15	0.000309	32	44. 3.20	0.065838
3	4.34.43	0.000694	33	45.10.29	0.069319
4	6. 6. 0	0.001231	34	46.16.35	0.072839
5	7.37. 1	0.001921	35	47.21.36	0.076396
6	9. 7.43	0.002759	36	48.25.33	0.079984
7	10.38. 2	0.003745	37	49.28.27	0.083600
8	12. 7.54	0.004876	38	50.30.19	0.087244
9	13.37.17	0.006151	39	51.31. 8	0.090910
10	15. 6. 7	0.007564	40	52.30.56	0.094596
11	16.34.20	0.009115	41	53.29.44	0.098300
12	18. 1.54	0.010798	42	54.27.32	0.102019
13	19.28.47	0.012609	43	55.24.21	0.105752
14	20.54.54	0.014550	44	56.20.12	0.109490
15	22.20.14	0.016607	45	57.15. 6	0.113240
16	23.44.44	0.018783	46	58. 9. 3	0.116995
17	25. 8.22	0.021072	47	59. 2. 4	0.120756
18	26.31. 8	0.023470	48	59.54.11	0.124518
19	27.52.5[illegible]	0.025969	49	60.45.25	0.128278
20	29.13.47	0.028570	50	61.35.4[illegible]	0.132035
21	30.33.4[illegible]	0.031263	51	62.25.14	0.135792
22	31.52.3[illegible]	0.034045	52	63.13.52	0.139544
23	33.10.23	0.036916	53	64. 1.4[illegible]	0.143291
24	34.27.12	0.039864	54	64.48.38	0.147029
25	35.42.59	0.042892	55	65.34.50	0.150762
26	36.57.41	0.045989	56	66.20.13	0.154482
27	38.11.20	0.049154	57	67.04.50	0.158192
28	39.23.54	0.052382	58	67.48.42	0.161890
29	40.35.23	0.055668	59	68.31.50	0.165578
30	41.45.47	0.059009	60	69.14.16	0.169254

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Med. mot.	Angul. à peribelio.	Logar. pro dist. à Sole.
o	gr. ′ ″	
61	69.55.58	0.172914
62	70.36.56	0.176557
63	71.17.16	0.180188
64	71.56.56	0.183803
65	72.35.57	0.187404
66	73.14.15	0.190978
67	73.51.59	0.194540
68	74.29. 6	0.198085
69	75.05.38	0.201614
70	75.41.35	0.205122
71	76.16.56	0.208612
72	76.51.43	0.212080
73	77.25.57	0.215529
74	77.59.41	0.218963
75	78.32.54	0 222378
76	79. 5.35	0.225769
77	79.37.45	0.229142
78	80. 9.23	0.232488
79	80.40.34	0.235809
80	81.11.16	0.239127
81	81.41.31	0.242416
82	82.11.19	0.245684
83	82.40.40	0.248933
84	83. 9.34	0.252159
85	83.38. 4	0.255366
86	84. 6. 8	0.258552
87	84.33.49	0.261720
88	85. 1. 5	0.264865
89	85.27.58	0.267989
90	85.54.27	0.271092

Med. mot.	Ang. à peribelio.	Logar. pro dist à Sole.
o	gr. ′ ″	
91	86.20.34	0.274176
92	86.46.20	0.277239
93	87.11.43	0.280284
94	87.36.45	0.283306
95	88.01.27	0.286308
96	88.25.49	0.289293
97	88.49.48	0.292252
98	89.13.32	0.295201
99	89.36.54	0.298122
100	90.00.00	0.301030
102	90 45.14	0 306782
104	91.29.18	0.312469
106	92.12.14	0.318060
108	92.54. 4	0.323587
110	93.34 52	0 329042
112	94.14 40	0 334424
114	94.53.30	0.339736
116	95.31.22	0 344979
118	96. 8 22	0 350153
120	96.44 30	0.355262
122	97.19.48	0 360306
124	97.54.17	0.365284
126	98.28.00	0.370200
128	99.00.57	0.375052
130	99,33.11	0.379842
132	100. 4.43	0.384576
134	100 35.45	0 389252
136	101. 5.48	0.393868
138	101.35.22	0.398428
140	102. 4 19	0.402930

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Med. mot.	Ang. à perihelio.	Logar. pro. dist. à Sole.	Med. mot.	Ang. à perihelio	Logar. pro dist. à Sole.
o	gr. ′ ″		o	gr. ′ ″	
142	102.32.41	o.407380	204	113.37.25	o.523406
144	103.00.31	o.411784	208	114. 9.52	o.529705
146	103.27.47	o.416132	212	114.41.23	o.535886
148	103.54.31	o 420430	216	115.12.02	o.541958
150	104.20.43	o.424676	220	115.41.51	o.547922
152	104.46.22	o.428866	224	116.10.52	o.553782
154	105.11.33	o.433012	228	116.39. 7	o.559538
156	105.36.16	o.437110	232	117. 6.38	o.565199
158	106.00.32	o.441164	236	117.33.27	o.570762
160	106.24.23	o.445178	240	117.59.35	o.576233
162	106.47.47	o.449144	244	118.25. 5	o.581616
164	107.10.44	o 453060	248	118.49.57	o 586912
166	107.33.17	o.456936	252	119 14.14	o.592122
168	107.55.27	o 460772	256	119.37.56	o.597252
170	108.17.14	o.464208	260	120. 1. 6	o 602301
172	108.38.37	o.468318	264	120 23.44	o.607274
174	108.59.39	o.472030	268	120.45.52	o 612174
176	109.20.20	o.475705	272	121. 7.30	o.616998
178	109.40.40	o.479340	276	121.28 39	o.621750
180	110 00.40	o.482937	280	121.49.22	o.626438
182	110.20.20	o.486498	284	122. 9 38	o 631056
184	110.39.41	o.490022	288	122.29.28	o.635608
186	110.58.44	o.493512	292	122.48 54	o.640098
188	111.17.28	o.496965	296	123. 7.57	o 644525
190	111.35.55	o.500384	300	123.26 36	o 648893
192	111.54.05	o.503769	310	124 11 40	o.659559
194	112.11.58	o.507121	320	124 54 36	o 669880
196	112.29.34	o.510441	330	125.35 34	o 679876
198	112.46.55	o.513729	340	126.14 44	o.689568
200	113. 4.00	o.516934	350	126.52 32	o.698970

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Med. mot.	Ang. à peribelio.	Logar. pro dist. à Sole.
○	gr. ′ ″	
360	127.28. 6	0.708104
370	128. 2.33	0.716976
380	128.35.38	0.725606
390	129. 7.27	0.734006
400	129.38. 4	0.742185
410	130. 7.34	0.750160
420	130.36. 2	0.757930
430	131. 3.30	0.765516
440	131.30. 2	0.772918
450	131.55.41	0.780148
460	132.20.30	0.787216
470	132.44.32	0.794122
480	133. 7.50	0.800882
490	133.30.25	0.807494
500	133.52.20	0.813969
520	134.34.18	0.826522
540	135.14. 0	0.838690
560	135.51.28	0.850187
580	136.27. 6	0.861369
600	137.00.57	0.872155
620	137.33.13	0.882575
640	138. 3.58	0.892649
660	138 33.21	0.902401
680	139. 1.29	0.911866
700	139.28.25	0.921012
720	139.54.16	0.929907
740	140.19. 5	0.938549
760	140.42.56	0.946951
780	141.05.55	0.955124
800	141.28. 3	0.963082

Med. mot.	Ang. à peribelio.	Logar. pro dist. à Sole.
●	gr. ′ ″	
820	141.49.24	0.970836
840	142.10.00	0.978397
860	142.29.56	0.985771
880	142.49.10	0.992970
900	143. 7.48	1.000000
920	143.25.51	1.006871
940	143.43.21	1.013586
960	144.00.18	1.020155
980	144.16.46	1.026583
1000	144.32.46	1.032876
1500	149.26. 8	1.158188
2000	152.26.15	1.246058
2500	154.32.20	1.313703
3000	156. 7.27	1.368678
3500	157.22.49	1.414974
4000	158.24.36	1.454950
4500	159 16.36	1.490125
5000	160. 1 12	1.521521
5500	160.40. 5	1.549874
6000	161.14 24	1.575718
6500	161 45 00	1 599460
7000	162.12.34	1 621417
7500	162.37.34	1.641838
8000	163.00.23	1 660922
8 500	163 21.20	1.678834
9000	163 40 42	1 695708
9500	163.58.38	1 711662
10000	164.15.20	1.726784
50000	170.52 0	2.197960
100000	172.45.44	2.399655

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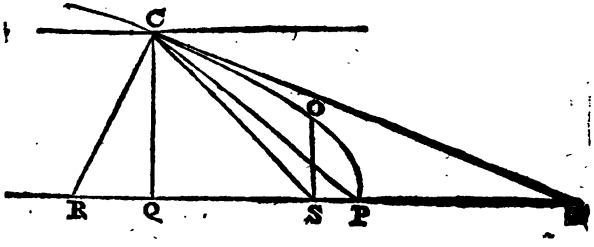
The Construction and Use of the general Table.

As the Planets move in *Elliptick* Orbs, so do the Comets in *Parabolick* ones, having the Sun in their common *Focus*, and describe equal *Area's* in equal *Times*. But now because all *Parabola's* are *similar* to one another, therefore if any determinate Part of the *Area* of a given *Parabola*, be divided into any Number of Parts at Liberty, there will be a *like* Division made in all *Parabola's*, under the same Angles, and the Distances will be proportional: And consequently this one Table of ours will serve for all Comets. Now, the Manner of the Calculation of this Table is thus: In the *Fig.*



Let S be the *Sun*, POC the Orbit of a Comet, P the *Perihelion*, O the Place where the Comet is 90 *gr.* distant from the Sun, C any other Place. Draw the Right Lines CP, CS, and make ST, SR, equal to CS; and then having drawn the Right Lines CR, CT, (whereof the one is a Tangent, and the other a Perpendicular to the Curve) let fall CQ perpendicular to the *Axis* PSR.

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Now, any *Area*, as COPS, being given, 'tis requir'd to find the Angle CSP, and the Diſtance CS. From the Nature of the *Parabola* RQ is ever = ¼ the Parameter of the *Axis*, and conſequently if the Parameter be put = 2, then RQ = 1. Let CQ = *z*; then PQ ſhall = ½ *zz*, and the Parabolick Segment COP = $\frac{1}{12}zzz$. But the Triangle CSP will = ¼ *z*, and ſo the Mixtilineal *Area* COPS = $\frac{1}{12}z^3 + \frac{1}{4}z = a$, whence $z^3 + 3z = 12a$. Wherefore reſolving this Cubical Equation, *z* or the Ordinate CQ will be known. Now, let the *Area* OPS be propos'd to be divided into 100 Parts; this *Area* is $\frac{1}{12}$ of the Square of the Parameter, and conſequently 12 *a* is = that Square = 4. If therefore the Roots of theſe Equations $z^3 + 3z = 0{,}04 : 0{,}08 : 0{,}12 : 0{,}16$, *&c.* be ſucceſſively extracted, there will be obtain'd ſo many *z* or Ordinates CQ reſpectively, and the *Area* SOP will be divided into 100 Parts. And in like manner is the *Calculus* to be continued beyond the Place O. Now the Root of this Equation (ſince RQ is = 1) is the Tabular Tangent of the Angle CRQ, or ½ the Angle CSP, and ſo the Angle CSP is given. And RC, the Secant of the ſame Angle CRQ, is a mean Proportional between RQ or Unity, and RT, which is the Double of SC, as is plain from the *Conicks*. But if SP be put = 1, and ſo the *Latus Rectum* = 4 (as in our Table) then RT will be the Diſtance ſought, *viz.* the Double of SC in the former *Parabola*. After this manner therefore, I compos'd the foregoing Table, which ſerves to repreſent the Motions of all Comets: For hitherto there has been none obſerv'd, but comes within the Laws of the *Parabola*.

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It remains now, that we give the Rules for the Calculation, and ſhew the Way of determining the Place of a Comet ſeen, by theſe Numbers. *The Velocity of a Comet moving in a* Parabola, *is every-where to the Velocity of a Planet deſcribing a Circle about the Sun, at the ſame Diſtance from the Sun,* as $\sqrt{2}$ to 1. as appears from *Cor.* 7. *Prop.* 16. *Lib.* 1. of the *Princip. Phil. Nat. Math.* If therefore a Comet in its *Perihelium* were ſuppos'd to be as far diſtant from the Sun as the Earth is, then the Diurnal *Area* which the Comet wou'd deſcribe, wou'd be to the Diurnal *Area* of the Earth, as $\sqrt{2}$ to 1. And conſequently, the Time of the Annual Revolution, is to the Time in which ſuch a Comet wou'd deſcribe a Quadrant of its Orbit from the *Perihelium*, as 3.14159, *&c.* (that is the *Area* of the Circle) to $\sqrt{\frac{8}{9}}$. Therefore the Comet wou'd deſcribe that Quadrant in 109 Days, 14 Hours, 46 Minutes; and ſo that Parabolick *Area* (Analogous to the *Area* POS) being divided into 100 Parts, to each Day there wou'd be alotted 0.912280. of thoſe Parts; the Log. of which, *viz.* 9.960128, is to be kept for continual Uſe. *But then the Times in which a Comet, at a greater or leſs Diſtance, wou'd* deſcribe ſimilar Quadrants, *are as the Times of the Revolutions in Circles,* that is, in the *Seſquiplicate Ratio* of the Diſtances: And ſo the *Diurnal Area's,* eſtimated in *Centeſimal* Parts of the Quadrant (which Parts we put for Meaſures of the mean Motion, like Degrees) are in each, in the *Subſeſquialtera* Proportion *of the Diſtance from the Sun in the* Perihelion.

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These necessary Things premis'd, let it be propos'd to compute the *apparent Place* of any one of the mention'd Comets, for any *Given Time*. Therefore,

1. *Let the Sun's Place be had, and the Log. of its Distance from the Earth.*

2. *Let the Difference between the Time of the* Perihelion, *and the Time given, be gotten, in Days and Decimal Parts of Days. To the Log. of this Number, let there be added the constant Log.* 9.960128, *and the Complement Arithmetical of the ½ of the Log. of the Distance in the* Perihelium *from the Sun: The Sum will be the Log. of the Mean Motion, to be sought in the first Column of the General Table.*

3. *With the Mean Motion let there be taken the correspondent Angle from the* Perihelium, *in the Table, and the Log. for the Distance from the Sun: Then in Comets that are Direct, add, and in Retrograde ones substract; if the Time be after the* Perihelium, *the Angle thus found, to or from the Place of the* Perihelion; *or in Direct Comets, subtract; and in Retrograde ones, add; if the Time be before the* Perihelion, *the foresaid Angle to or from the Place of the* Perihelion; *and so we shall have the Place of the Comet in its Orbit. And to the Log. found for the Distance, let there be added the Log. of the Distance in the* Perihelion, *and the Sum will be the Log. of the true Distance of the Comet from the Sun.*

4. *The Place of the Node, together with the Place of the Comet in its Orbit, being given, let the Distance of the Comet from the Node be found; then, the Inclination of the Plane being given, there will be given also (from the common Rules of Trigonometry) the Comet's Place reduced to the Ecliptick, the Inclination or Heliocentrick Latitude, and the Log. of the* curtate *Distance.*

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5. *From these Things given (by the very same Rules that we find the Planets Places, from the Sun's Place and Distance given) we may obtain the* Apparent *or* Geocentrick *Place of the Comet, together with the Apparent Latitude.* And this it may be worth while to illustrate by an Example or two.

EXAMPLE I.

Let it be requir'd to find the Place of the Comet of the Year $166\frac{4}{5}$, March 1^d, 7^h, $00'$, *P. M.* London. *That is.* 96^d, 19^h, $8'$, *after the* Perihelion, *which happen'd* Novemb. 24°, 11^h, $52'$.

Log. Dist. Perihel.		0. 011044
Log. Sesquialt.		0. 016566
Comp. Arith.		9 983434
		9. 960128
Log. Temp.		1. 985862
Log. Med. Mot.		1. 929424
Medius Motus		85.001
Perihel.	☊	10. 41. 25
Ang. Corresp.		83. 38. 05—
Comet. in Orb.	♉	17. 3. 20
Ascend. Nod.	♊	21. 14. 00
Com. à Nodo		34. 10. 40
Red. ad Eclip.		32 19. 05
Com. Helioc.	♉	18 54. 55
Incl. Bor.		11. 46. 50
Log. pro dist.		0. 255369
Log. Perihel.		0. 011044
Co-fin. Incl.		9 990754
Log. dist. Curt.		0. 257167
Log. dist. ☉		9. 997918
	☉	♐ 21. 44. 45
Com. Visus	♈	29. 18. 30
Lat. Visa		8. 36. 1½

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Example II.

Let it be requir'd to find the Place of the Comet of the Year 1683, July 23°, 13^h, 35′, *P.M.* London: *Or*, 13^h, 40′ *Equat. Time. That is*, 21^d, 10^h, 50′ *after the* Perihelion.

Log. dist. Perihel.	9. 748343
Log. Sesquialt.	9. 622514
Comp. Arith.	0. 377486
	9. 950128
Log. Temp.	1. 310723
Log. Med. Mot.	1. 648337
Medius Motus	44. 498
Perihel. ♊	25. 29. 30
Ang. Corresp.	56. 47. 20
Comet. in Orb. ♈	28. 42. 10
Nod. Descend. ♓	23. 23. 00
Com. à Nodo	35. 19. 10
Red. ad Eclip.	4. 48. 30
Com. Helioc. ♓	28. 11. 30
Incl. Bor.	35. 2. 00
Log. pro dist.	0. 111336
Log. Perihel.	9. 748343
Co-sin. Incl.	9. 913187
Log. dist. Curt.	9. 772866
Log. dist. ☉.	0. 006104
☉ Locus ♌	10. 41. 25
Com. Visus ♋	5. 11. 50
Lat. Bor.	28. 52. 00

At the Instant of Time specified in the first Example, 'twas observ'd (at *London*) that the Comet applied to the Second Star of *Aries*; so that it was found to be 9′ more Northerly,

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and 3′ to the Eaſt, according to Mr. *Hook*'s Obſervation. But at that of the Second Example, I my ſelf (near *London*, with the ſame Inſtruments whereby I formerly obſerv'd the Southern Conſtellations) found the Place of the Comet to be ♋, 5°, 11′ ½, and 28°, 52′ North Latitude, which agreed exactly with the Obſervation made at *Greenwich* almoſt the very ſame Moment.

As for the Comet of the Year 1680, which came almoſt to the very *Sun* it ſelf (being in its *Perihelion*, not above ⅛ of the *Semi-Diameter* of the Sun diſtant from the Surface of it) ſince the *Latus Rectum* is ſo very ſmall, could hardly be contained within the Limits of the General Table, becauſe of the exceſſive Velocity of the *Mean Motion*. Therefore in this Comet, the beſt Way is (after the *Mean Motion* is found) to get from thence (by the Help of the foregoing Equation $z^3 + 3z = \frac{4}{100}$ of the *Mean Motion*) the Tangent of Half the Angle from the *Perihelion*, together with the Log. for the Diſtance from the Sun. Which Things being given, we are to proceed by the ſame Rules, as in the reſt.

After this Manner therefore, the Aſtronomical Reader may examine theſe Numbers, which I have calculated, with all imaginable Care, from the Obſervations I have met with. And I have not thought fit to make them publick before they have been duly examin'd, and made as accurate as 'twas poſſible, by the Study of many Years. I have publiſh'd this Specimen of Cometical Aſtronomy, as a *Prodromus* of a deſigned future Work, leſt, happening to

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to die, these Papers might be lost, which every Man is not capable to retrieve, by reason of the great Difficulty of the Calculation. Now, it may not be amiss to put the Reader in mind, That our Five first Comets, (the Third and Fourth observ'd by *Peter Apian*, the Fifth by *Paulus Fabricius*) as also the Tenth seen by *Maestlin*, if I mistake not, in the Year 1596. are not so certain as the rest; for the Observations were made neither with fit Instruments, nor due Care, and upon that Account are disagreeing with themselves, and can by no means be reconcil'd with a regular Computation. The Comet which appear'd in the Year 1684. was only taken Notice of by *Blanchinus*, who observed at *Rome*: And the last, which appear'd in the Year 1698. was seen only by those at *Paris*, who determin'd its Course in a very uncommon Way. This Comet was very obscure; and, altho' it mov'd swift, and came near enough our Earth; yet we, who are wont to be curious enough in these Matters, saw nothing of it. For want of Observations I have left out of the foregoing Catalogue, those Two remarkable Comets which have appear'd in this our Age, one in *November*, in the Year 1689 the other in *February* in the Year 1702. For they directing their Courses towards the Southern Parts of the World, and being scarce conspicuous here in *Europe*, met with no Observers capable of the Business. But, if any one shall bring from *India*, or the Southern Parts, an accurate Series of requisite Observations, I will willingly fall to work again, and undergo the Fatigue of representing their Orbits in Numbers, as I have done the rest.

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By comparing together the Accounts of the Motions of theſe Comets, 'tis apparent, their Orbits are diſpos'd in no manner of Order; nor can they, as the Planets are, be comprehended within a *Zodiack*, but move indifferently every Way, as well Retrograde as Direct; from whence it is clear, they are not carry'd about or mov'd in *Vortices*. Moreover, the Diſtances in their *Perihelium's* are ſometimes greater, ſometimes leſs; which makes me ſuſpect, there may be a far greater Number of them, which moving in Regions more remote from the Sun, become very obſcure; and wanting Tails, paſs by us unſeen:

Hitherto I have conſider'd the Orbits of Comets as exactly *Parabolick*; upon which Suppoſition it wou'd follow, that Comets being impell'd towards the Sun by a Centripetal Force, deſcend as from Spaces infinitely diſtant, and by their Falls acquire ſuch a Velocity, as that they may again run off into the remoteſt Parts of the Univerſe, moving upwards with ſuch a perpetual Tendency, as never to return again to the Sun. But ſince they appear frequently enough, and ſince none of them can be found to move with an Hyperbolick Motion, or a Motion ſwifter than what the a Comet might acquire by its Gravity to the Sun, 'tis highly probable they rather move in very Excentrick Orbits, and make their Returns after long Periods of Time: For ſo their Number will be determinate, and, perhaps, not ſo very great. Beſides, the Space between the Sun and the fix'd Stars is ſo immenſe, that there is Room enough for a Comet to revolve, tho' the Period of its Revolution be vaſtly long.

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Now, the *Latus Rectum* of an *Ellipsis*, is to the *Latus Rectum* of a *Parabola*, which has the same Distance in its *Perihelium*; as the Distance in the *Aphelium* in the *Ellipsis*, is to the whole *Axis* of the *Ellipsis*. And the Velocities are in a Subduplicate *Ratio* of the same: Wherefore in very Excentrick Orbits this *Ratio* comes very near to a *Ratio* of Equality; and the very small Difference which happens on Account of the greater Velocity in the *Parabola*, is easily compensated in determining the Situation of the Orbit. The principal Use therefore of this Table of the Elements of their Motions, and that which induced me to construct it, is, That whenever a new Comet shall appear, we may be able to know, by comparing together the Elements, whether it be any of those which has appear'd before, and consequently to determine its Period, and the *Axis* of its Orbit, and to foretell its Return. And, indeed, there are many Things which make me believe that the Comet which *Apian* observ'd in the Year 1531. was the same with that which *Kepler* and *Longomontanus* took Notice of and describ'd in the Year 1607. and which I my self have seen return, and observ'd in the Year 1682. All the Elements agree, and nothing seems to contradict thismy Opinion, besides the Inequality of the Periodick Revolutions: Which Inequality is not so great neither, as that it may not be owing to Physical Causes. For the Motion of *Saturn* is so disturbed by the rest of the Planets, especially *Jupiter*, that the Periodick Time of that Planet is uncertain for some whole Days together. How much more therefore will a Comet be subject to such like Errors, which rises

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almoſt Four times higher than *Saturn*, and whoſe Velocity, tho' encreaſed but a very little, would be ſufficient to change its Orbit, from an Elliptical to a Parabolical one. This, moreover, confirms me in my Opinion of its being the ſame; that in the Year 1456. in the Summer time, a Comet was ſeen paſſing Retrograde between the Earth and the Sun, much after the ſame Manner: Which, tho' no Body made Obſervations upon it, yet from its Period, and the Manner of its Tranſit, I cannot think different from thoſe I have juſt now mention'd. Hence I dare venture to foretell, That it will return again in the Year 1758. And, if it ſhould then return, we ſhall have no Reaſon to doubt but the reſt muſt return too: Therefore Aſtronomers have a large Field to exerciſe themſelves in for many Ages, before they will be able to know the Number of theſe many and great Bodies revolving about the common Center of the Sun; and reduce their Motions to certain Rules. I thought, indeed, that the Comet which appear'd in the Year 1532. might be the ſame with that obſerv'd by *Hevelius* in the Year 1661. But *Apian*'s Obſervations, which are the only ones we have concerning the firſt of theſe Comets, are too rude and unskilful, for any thing of Certainty to be drawn from them, in ſo nice a Matter. I deſign to treat of all theſe Things in a larger Volume, and contribute my utmoſt for the Promotion of this Part of Aſtronomy, if it ſhall pleaſe God to continue my Life and Health.

In the mean time, thoſe that deſire to know how to conſtruct Geometrically the Orb of a Comet, by Three accurate Obſervations given, may

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may find it at the End of the Third Book of Sir *Isaac Newton*'s Principles of Natural Philosophy, entituled *De Systemate Mundi*, in the Words of its renowned Inventor. Which have since been more fully explained by my very worthy Collegue Dr. *Gregory*, in his Learned Work of *Astronomia Physica & Geometrica*.

One Thing more perhaps it may not be improper or unpleasant to advertise the Astronomical Reader; That some of these Comets have their Nodes so very near the Annual Orb of the Earth, that if it shall so happen, that the Earth be found in the Parts of her Orb next the Node of such a Comet, whilst the Comet passes by; as the apparent Motion of the Comet will be incredibly swift, so its *Parallax* will become very sensible; and the Proportion thereof to that of the Sun will be given. Wherefore such Transits of Comets do afford us the very best Means, though they seldom happen, to determine the Distance of the Sun and Earth: Which hitherto has only been attempted by *Mars* in his Opposition to the Sun; or else *Venus* in *Perigæo*; whose *Parallaxes* though triple to that of the Sun, are scarce any ways to be perceived by our Instruments; whence we are still in great Uncertainty in that Affair. This use of Comets was the ingenious Thought of that excellent Geometrician Mr. *Nicolas Facio*. Now the Comet of 1472, had a *Parallax* above Twenty times greater than the Sun's. And if the Comet of 1618, had come down, about the Middle of *March*, to his descending Node: Or if that of 1684, had arrived a little sooner at its ascending Node; they would have been yet much nearer the Earth,

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Earth, and conſequently have had more notable *Parallaxes*. But hitherto none has threaten'd the Earth with a nearer Appulſe, than that of 1680. For by Calculation I find, that *Novemb.* 11°, 1ʰ, 6′, *P. M.* that Comet was not above the Semi-diameter of the the Sun to the Northwards of the Way of the Earth. At which Time, had the Earth been there, the Comet would have had a *Parallax* equal to that of the Moon, as I take it. This is ſpoken to Aſtronomers: But what might be the Conſequences of ſo near an Appulſe; or of a Contact; or, laſtly, of a Shock of the Cœleſtial Bodies, (which is by no means impoſſible to come to paſs) I leave to be diſcuſs'd by the Studious of Phyſical Matters.

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A

Geometrical Dissertation

Concerning the

RAINBOW;

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Which (by a direct Method) is shewn how to find the Diameter of each *Bow*, the Proportion of the Refraction being given: Together with the Solution of the *Inverse* Problem, or how to find the *Ratio* of the Refraction, the Diameter of the *Iris* being given.

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ALL the Writers of Natural History, have particularly described the Rainbow (a Meteor so remarkable for its fair Colours) and given an Account of the Causes of it. And the Ancient *Mythologists*, from its wonderful Form and Appearance, thought

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thought fit to give it the Title of *Thaumantis*, or the *Child of Wonder*; and placing it in the Number of the *Goddesses*, attributed to it the Office of a *Messenger* between the *Cœlestials* and mortal Men; which Fable, perhaps, owes its Original to *Genesis*, Ch. 9. V. 13.

Those that attentively consider'd the *Phænomena* of the Rainbow, always found, that the Sun's Rays reflected by a Watery Cloud, came to the Eye under a certain Angle; from whence arose the Arch, or Circular Figure of it. But as for the Cause and Reason of the Colours, as also of the Magnitude of the Angle, by which we constantly find it distant from the Point *opposite to the Sun*; these were Things, that a long while, and very greatly perplex'd, as well the *Moderns*, as Ancients. Neither did they do any thing to the Purpose herein, till the Famous Monsieur *Des Cartes* making use of the Mathematical Sciences, shew'd by several Examples, that more strict and close Methods of Reasoning might and ought to obtain, even in our Management of those *Physical Speculations*. Amongst other things (tho' it must be own'd that herein he had some Light, from the Learned *Antonio de Dominis*, Arch-bishop of *Spalato*) he explain'd the Theory of the Rainbow. And having discover'd the Laws of Refraction, he clearly demonstrated, that the *Primary Iris* was nothing else, but the Sun's Image reflexed from the Concave Surface of innumerable Spherical Drops of Rain; and that with this Condition, that those Rays that were parallel at their Incidence, were not lost or dissipated by the *Reflexion*, and the *Two Refractions* (one at the

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Ingreſs, and the other at the *Egreſs*) but fell (and that alſo parallel) on the Eye. That the Rays were ting'd with Colours by thoſe Refractions, after the ſame manner as we ſee they are by a *Glaſs Priſme*. That the *Secundary Iris* is produced, after the ſame manner, by the Rays that fall more obliquely, only here are Two Reflexions, before the Sun's Rays (which when refracted a Second time proceed parallel to the Eye) emerge out of the Drops of Water. Further, that the Magnitude of each *Iris* depends upon the Degrees of the Refraction, which is different according to the Nature of each tranſparent *Solid* or *Liquid*.

And ſuppoſing the Proportion of the Sines of the Angles of Incidence to the Sines of the refracted Angles, to be in Water, as 250, to 187, he determin'd the Semi-Diameter of each *Iris*, agreeably to Obſervations, *viz.* that of the *Primary Iris*, 41°. 30'. and that of the *Secundary*, 51°. 54'. By which he did not ſo much confirm the *Theory* it ſelf, which was demonſtrated from other Principles, as the *Truth of the fore-mention'd aſſumed Proportion*, (*viz.* that of the Refraction.) But for theſe Things, the Reader may conſult the 8th Chapter of *Cartes*'s *Meteors*, whither I refer him.

But now *Cartes* (who uſed an indirect and tentative Method in determining theſe Angles) did not ſeem clearly to apprehend the Eaſineſs of the Problem he had propoſed to himſelf. And becauſe none (that I know of) ſince him, has handled the ſame Argument more fully; and alſo ſince ſome have miſunderſtood what *Cartes* did, committing very great *Paralogiſms*, in ſome Books (ſince his time) which particularly

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larly pretended to explain the *Phænomena* of the Rainbow; I was willing to supply what I thought was wanting in this Doctrine, and from the *Proportion of the Refraction given*, Geometrically to determine the Angle of its Distance from the *Point opposite to the Sun*: Or contrarywise, from the *Iris given*, to determine the refractive Power of the Liquid.

What the Celebrated Mr. *Newton* has done upon this Head, the Reader will find (with much greater Advantage) in his Book of Light and Colours, when he shall think fit to bestow those excellent Discoveries upon the Publick.

But to proceed. 'Tis plain from what *Cartes* has demonstrated, that the *Primary Iris* is form'd by such Rays of the Sun, where the Excess of Two *refracted Angles*, above one Angle of *Incidence*, is the *Greatest of all such Excesses possible*. And that the *Secondary Iris* is form'd by those Rays only, where the Excess of Three refracted Angles, above one of Incidence, is in like manner the *Greatest*. And so we may go on to a 3d, 4th, or any other *Iris*, which are form'd, where the Rays emerge after 3, 4, or more Reflexions. But these can never be seen in the Heavens, because of the Sun's Light which is still more and more debilitated by each Reflexion and Refraction: Whence it comes to pass also, that the *Secondary Iris*, is painted with Colours, so much fainter than the Primary one. But in all these the *general Rule* is, that *the Excess of* 4, *or* 5, *or more refracted Angles*, (*viz.* the Number of Reflexions being increased by Unity) *above one Angle of Incidence, is of all the* Greatest.

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Now this *greateſt Exceſs* doubled, is always the Diſtance of the *Iris* from the *Point oppoſite to the Sun*, when the Number of Reflexions is *uneven*. But if that Number be *even*, then the Double of that *greateſt Angle*, is the Diſtance of the *Iris* from the *Sun it ſelf*, viz. in the 2d, 4th, 6th, *&c. Iris*. All theſe Things are either purely *Carteſius*'s, or elſe eaſily follow from his Writings in the foremention'd Place.

But now to obtain thoſe *greateſt Exceſſes*, having the Refraction of any Liquor given; 'tis to be obſerv'd, that the Exceſs of Two refracted Angles, above one of Incidence, is there the *Greateſt*, where the *momentaneous Increment* of the Angle of Incidence is exactly double of the *momentaneous Increment* of the refracted Angle. And that the Exceſs of Three refracted Angles is there the *Greateſt*, where the Increment of the Angle of Incidence is triple the Increment of the refracted Angle; and ſo of the reſt. And this is ſufficiently evident of it ſelf: But as for the Angles, we may obtain them by the Help of the following *Lemma*, which muſt therefore be demonſtrated.

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LEMMA.

The Legs of any plain Triangle continuing; if the Vertical Angle be augmented or diminiſh'd, by an Angle leſs than any Angle aſſign'd; the Momenta *or* Inſtantaneous Mutations *of the Angles at the Baſe, are to one another* reciprocally, *as the Segments of the Baſe.*

At *Fig.* 1. *Plate* 3. ſuppoſe the Triangle ABC, whoſe Vertex is *A*, its Legs AB, AC, and Baſe BC, upon which let fall the Perpendicular AD. Then let the Angle BAC be increaſed by the *Indiviſible Momentum* CA *c*, and let the Lines B *c d*, *c* D be drawn, which differ, in Imagination only, from the Lines BCD, CD. I ſay, that the *Momentum* of the Angle ABC (*viz.* CB*c*) is to the *Momentum* of the Angle ACB or ACD, as CD to BD, that is reciprocally as the Segments of the Baſe.

DEMONSTRATION.

Becauſe the Angle ACD, is the Sum of the Angles ABC, BAC, its *Momentum* alſo ſhall equal the Sum of the *Momenta* of thoſe Angles; that is, it ſhall equal CA *c* + CB*c*. But CA *c* = CD*c*, ſince, becauſe of the right Angle at D, the Points A, D, C, *c*, are all in the Arch of a Circle, whoſe Diameter is AC: By *Eucl.* 3. 9. And conſequently the Sum of the Angles CB*c*, CD *c* (that is the Angle D *c d*) ſhall be the *Momentum* of the Angle ACD or ACB.

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But thoſe Angles CB *c*, D *c d*, being indefinitely ſmall, are to one another as their oppoſite ſides, that is, as *c* D or CD to BD, that is as the Segments of the Baſe reciprocally. Q: E: D.

If each of the Angles B and C be *Acute*, the *Lemma* will ſtill (*mutatis mutandis*) be demonſtrated after the ſame Manner.

COROLLARY.

Hence it follows that the *Momenta* of the Angles at the Baſe, are to one another *directly*, as the Tangents of thoſe Angles.

By the Help of this *Lemma*, I will be eaſie to find the Diameter of any *Iris* whatſoever; and that either by *Calculation*, or a *Geometrical Conſtruction*. For taking any right Line, as CA. (*Fig.* 2.) let it be divided firſt of all in D, ſo that CA, may be to CD, in the *Ratio* of the Refraction in Water, which is as 250 to 187, or more accurately, as 529 to 396. Then let CA be divided ſo in E, that CE may be to AE, as Unity to the Number of Reflexions, a Ray of the Sun (fit to produce the *Iris* propoſed) undergoes: And upon the Diameter AE deſcribing the Semi-Circle ABE, on the Center C with the *Radius* CD deſcribe the Arch BD, meeting the Semi-Circle ABE in the Point B. Laſtly, Drawing the Right Lines CB, AB, let CF be let fall perpendicular upon AB produced, and EB parallel thereto. I ſay then, that CBF is the Angle of Incidence, and CAB the Refracted Angle that we enquire after, and which will produce the *Iris* propos'd.

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DEMONSTRATION.

Becauſe the Triangles ACF, AEB are ſimilar, it will be AF: BF :: AC: EC; that is, as the Number of Reflexions encreas'd by Unity to Unity (by the *Conſtruction*) and conſequently the *Momentum* of the Angle CBF, will be to the *Momentum* of the Angle CAF, in the ſame Proportion (by the foregoing *Lemma.*) But the Sine of the Angle CBF, is to the Sine of the Angle CAF, in the Proportion of the Sides CA, CB, that is, in the Proportion of the Refraction given (alſo by the *Conſtruction.*) Therefore CAF is the Refracted Angle, correſponding to the Angle of Incidence CBF; and their *Momenta* are in the *Ratio* propos'd, wherefore they are the Angles ſought. Q. E. D.

And now, multiplying the Refracted Angle by the Number of the Reflexions encreas'd by Unity, and from the Product ſubſtracting the Angle of Incidence, we ſhall have half the Diſtance of the *Iris* from the Sun, if the Number of Reflexions be *even*, or from the Point oppoſite to the Sun, if that Number be *uneven*, as we have ſhewn already. Hence we may exhibit (by a *Conſtruction* conciſe and eloquent enough) the Incidencies of all the Orders of *Iris's*, in any Liquor whoſe Refraction is known. For if the Line AC (*FIG.* 2.) be divided into Two equal Parts at E, into Three equal Parts at *e*, into Four at ε, into Five at *n*, &c. And on the Diameter AE, A*e*, Aε, A*n*, be deſcrib'd, the Semi-Circles ABE, A*be*, Aβε, A*vn*, which are all interſected in the Points B, *b*, β, *v*, by the Arch DB*b*β*v*, deſcrib'd

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scrib'd on the Center *C* with the Radius CD, which is to AC, in the given Proportion of the Refraction: I say then that the Lines AB, Ab, Aβ, Av, will make with the Line AC, the Angles CAB, CAb, CAβ, CAv, equal to the Refracted Angles; and with the respective Rayes CB, Cb, Cβ, Cv, they will make Angles equal to the Angles of Incidence that are required; *viz.* ABC (or rather its complement to a Semicircle) for the *Primary Iris*, AbC, for the *Secondary*, AβC, for a *Third Iris*, AvC, for a *Fourth*, If any one has a mind, to find these Angles by an accurate Calculation, 'twill follow from the same Principle, that putting the Radius = I, and the Ratio of the Refraction as *r* to *s*, the Sine of Incidence will be $\sqrt{\frac{4}{3} - \frac{1rr}{3ss}}$ and the Sine of the Refracted Angle $\sqrt{\frac{4ss}{3rr} - \frac{1}{3}}$ from which Angles proceeds the *Primary Iris*. For the *Secondary* the Sine of Incidence will be $\sqrt{\frac{9}{8} - \frac{1rr}{8ss}}$ and the Sine of the Refracted Angle $\sqrt{\frac{9ss}{8rr} - \frac{1}{8}}$. For a *Third Iris*, the Sine of Incidence will be $\sqrt{\frac{16}{15} - \frac{1rr}{15ss}}$ and the Sine of the Refracted Angle $\sqrt{\frac{16ss}{15rr} - \frac{1}{15}}$. For a

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Fourth Iris, the Sine of Incidence will be $\sqrt{\frac{25}{24} - \frac{177}{24^{55}}}$ and the Sine of the Refracted Angle $\sqrt{\frac{25^{55}}{24^{77}} - \frac{1}{24}}$: and in like manner of the reſt. Farther, 'twill be found by Calculation, that (taking *Cartes*'s Proportion) the *Primary Iris* is diſtant 41°. 30′. from the Point oppoſite to the Sun; the *Secondary*, 51°. 55′. from the ſame. The *Third*, 40°. 20′. and the *Fourth*, 45°. 33′. from the Sun it ſelf; which *Iris's* perhaps were hardly ever ſeen for the reaſons before mentioned.

And thus much may ſuffice concerning the Magnitude of the *Irides*, in the perſpicuous Drops of a Fluid, whoſe Refractive Power is known. It remains that nothing be ſaid concerning the *Colours*, which this Phenomenon preſents, with the orders of them in each ſort of *Iris*, according to all the poſſible Variations of the Refraction.

And here we muſt know eſpecially, that the Acute and Sagacious Mr. *Newton*, has found by moſt clear Experiments, that *the Rays of Light are not Simple and Uniform, as they iſſue out of the Luminous Body, but the pure white Light which we ſee, conſiſts of Corpuſcles of all kinds of Colours, mix'd and hurried with a violent Motion, one amongſt another.* And that the diverſity of the Colours of things ariſes, according to the various Diſpoſitions thoſe Objects have, to Refract or Reflect this or that peculiar kind of Light.

The Proof of which is manifeſt from Refractions,

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ctions, in which theſe Species are ſeparated from one another, and the *Blue* or *Purple* Light, (even in the ſame Diaphanous Body) is more Refracted than the *Yellow* or *Red*. But let the Reader conſult this incomparable Perſon's Letters (N°. 80. and the following of the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*) from which Specimen he will be able to judge, how nobly this Argument of *Light* will be managed by him.

To my purpoſe 'tis ſufficient, that all kinds of *Blue* Light, are ſomething more refracted than *Red*, from which difference ariſes the Latitude of the *Irides*, which is hardly to be determined by Obſervation, becauſe of the uncertain Limits of the Colours. But by how much the Proportion between CA and CD, is *of greater Inequality*, or by how much the Refraction is greater, ſo much the greater is the diſtance of any *Iris* from the Sun, and conſequently thoſe borders that are remoter from the Sun, ſhine with a *Purple* Colour, but thoſe that are nearer, with an intenſe *Red*.

This may always be ſeen in the *Primary Iris*, which vaniſhes in the part oppoſite to the Sun, if the Sine of Incidence be to the Sine of the Refracted Angle, as CA to CE, or as 2 to 1. But if that Ratio be greater, there can be no *Primary Iris* ſeen at all.

As for the *Secondary Iris*, 'tis to be noted, that this vaniſhes into a Point, in the part oppoſite to the Sun, when the Ratio of the Refraction is as 1 to $\sqrt{\frac{nn1}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{4}{27}}$, or as 1 to 0,847487... and from thence it returns back to the Sum it ſelf, where it vaniſhes, if the ſaid Ratio be as 3 to 1, or as CA to Cc.

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But in the Ratio's *between* theſe (ſuch as we have in all Fluids known to us, except the Air) by how much the greater is the Ratio, by ſo much is the *Iris* more diſtant from the Point oppoſite to the Sun, or rather from the Sun it ſelf, reckoning the Arch beyond a Semicircle. And conſequently the Colours will ſeem to be in a different order from the *Primary Iris*, in theſe *returnings*, unleſs the diſtance of the *Irides* from the Sun, be taken in *this Sence*; which is alſo every where to be obſerved in the reſt.

The *Third Iris* is confuſed in the part oppoſite to the Sun, the Ratio of the Refraction being as 1 to ,91855--- from thence it returns back to the Sun in the Ratio *of* 1 *to* ,68250--- whence again, the order of the Colours being reſtored, in the Ratio of 4 to 1, or CA to C e, it terminates in the part oppoſite to the Sun. The Fourth *Iris* beginning from the Sun, in a Ratio of Equality, paſſes on to the oppoſite Point, in the Ratio of 1 to ,94895--- and thence returns back to the Sun, if the Proportion be as 5 to 4; hence again, it diſperſes to the Point oppoſite to the Sun in the Ratio of 1 to ,56337---, within which compaſs are included the Refractions of all Fluids that are known. Laſtly, The Ratio being as 5 to 1, or CA to C n, it vaniſhes in the very Sun it ſelf; the Colours being every where *inverted* to the ſight in its *return* to the Sun, as they were *erect* in its *egreſs* from it. Hence, in watery Clouds, the *Firſt* and *Fourth* Iris ſhew *deep red* Colours turned towards the Sun; but the *Second* and *Third give Purple.* But perhaps I may ſeem too tedious in

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in theſe Deſcriptions, the *Rainbow* it ſelf being no more than a Momentary *Phantaſm.*

But whence 'tis that the different Refractive Power of Fluids ariſes, is a Problem of the greateſt Moment, and to be rank'd amongſt the Secrets of Nature, not yet obvious either to our Sences or our Reaſonings. For *pure* Water amongſt all Fluids, does leaſt of all Refract the Rays of Light. When 'tis *Tinctur'd with Salts* diſſolved in it, according to its weight and the quantity of Salt, it increaſes the Refractions. And *Corroſive Spirits* (which are much heavier than Water) do alſo much more Refract the Rays of Light: Nor is it any wonder, ſince being denſer Bodies, they may eaſily be conceived ſo much the more to obſtruct the paſſage of the Rays. But why there ſhould be ſo great a Refraction in *Burning Spirits* and *Oils*, eſpecially in *Spirit of Turpentine, or of Wine*, ſince they are Fluids extreamly *Light* in compariſon of Water, and conſiſt very much of ſubtle Ætherial Particles, does not ſo eaſily appear; but ſeems to require (in order to the Explication of it) a more thorough knowledge of the Nature and Texture of Light.

But from the *diſtance* (of the *Iris* from the Sun) *given*, to find the Ratio of the Refraction, is a thing that will give thoſe that are curious, an occaſion of finding the Refraction of any Fluid, accurately and with little trouble. For if a ſmall drop of any tranſparent Fluid, be ſuppoſed to hang at the bottom of a ſmall Glaſs Tube, and the Sun being near the Horizon and ſhining ſtrongly, it be obſerved under what Angle (with the *Point*

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opposite to the Sun) the Colours of the *Iris* be seen in the drop, then the Proportion sought will be obtained with a little Calculation. It is a Cubical Equation, explicable by one only Root, by which, from the *Primary Iris given*, the Ratio is computed, *viz.* $T^3 - 3T^2t - 4rrt = 0$, where T is the Tangent of the Angle of *Incidence requisite*, t the Tangent of $\frac{1}{2}$ the distance of the Iris from the Point opposite to the Sun, to the Radius $r = 1$. Whence (according to *Cardanus*'s Rules) arises this Theorem, *viz.* *From the Cube of* t *subtract the Product of* 2tr *into the Excess of the Secant of the same Arch above the Radius; the difference shall be the lesser Cube. The Sum of the same, adding* 4trr, *will be the greater Cube. The Sum of the sides of both Cubes, and of* t, *will be equal to the Tangent of the Angle of Incidence, and the half of that, will be the Tangent of the Refracted Angle.* From whence the Ratio sought is manifest.

For an Example of this. In a drop of *Oil of Turpentine*, the distance of the Primary Iris, from the Point opposite to the Sun, is observed to be 25°. 40′. 'Tis required to find the Ratio of the Refraction.

t=Tang. 12°. 50′.	=	0, 2278063
s=Sec. of the same.	=	1, 0256197
ttt	=	0, 01182217
$s^2 - r \times 2tr$	=	0, 01167265

The Difference is the lesser Cube 0, 00014952
whose side 0, 0530773

The Sum 0, 02349482
4trr 0, 91122525

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Greater Cube 0, 93472007, whoſe ſide 0, 9777486
t 0, 2278063
T=Tang. Incid. 51°. 32′. 1, 2586322
½ T=Tang. Refr. 52°. 11′. 0, 6293161

Laſtly, As $\sqrt{TT+4} : \sqrt{TT+1} :: r : s ::$ 1 : 168026. Which Proportion comes very near to that, which Experience ſhews to be in Glaſs and moſt pellucid Solids. The Diamond indeed, exceeds all tranſparent Bodies, not only in reſpect of its hardneſs and value, but alſo its Refractive Power, the Proportion here being as 5 : 2, nearly, or more accurately as 100 : 41. But of this, perhaps more in another place.

While I was writing theſe things, that skillful Geometrician Mr. *De Moivre*, at my requeſt, found a like Equation for determining the Ratio, from the Semidiameter of the *Secondary Iris, given*. By which, the Ratio is indeed ſomething more exactly determined, but that Equation being a Biquadratical one, the Calculation is not ſo eaſily performed. This Equation is $T^4 + \frac{8}{4} T^3 t - 2 T^2 r^2 - \frac{1}{3} r^4 = 0$; where T is the Tangent of the Refracted Angle, t, the Tangent of ½ the diſtance of the Iris from the Point oppoſite to the Sun, to the Radius $r=1$. And this Equation is of that Form, as to be always explicable, by an Affirmative and one Negative Root, the one and the leſs of which, is the Tangent of the Refracted Angle, in the *Regreſs* to the Sun, *viz.* when the *Purple Colours* are nearer to the Sun. The greater Root is the Tangent of the Refracted Angle in an

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Iris *going out from the Sun*, viz. in a Fluid of *a leſs Ratio*. In *Oil of Turpentine*, the diſtance of this Iris from the Point oppoſite to the Sun, is obſerved to be 81°. 30′. whence the curious Reader may find out the Roots, 0, 80822-- and—2, 98131-- the Tangents of the Refracted Angles. Hence is computed the *Ratio of greater Inequality*, as 1 to 0, 67995-- ſuch as is in Oil of Turpentine. But from the greater Root comes forth the *leſſer Ratio*, as 1 to 0, 9540 nearly, ſuch as would be in a Fluid, exhibiting a Secondary Iris of the ſame Diameter, but which (after the manner of the Primary one) ſhould look towards the Sun with the *Red Colours*.

If any one has a mind to find theſe Roots by a Geometrical Conſtruction, any Parabola being given, it is done with ſo much eaſe, that I need not repeat what I have already offered upon that Head *Philoſophical Tranſactions*, N. 188.

Each of theſe Equations is deduced from what has been ſaid before, and alſo from the Rules for the Tangents of the Double and Treble Arch; the bare hint of which, may be inſtead of a Demonſtration even to thoſe that are but meanly vers'd in theſe things.

This Diſcourſe being already in the *Preſs*, there came to my hands (by the means of a Friend) a certain Book, whoſe Title was *Thaumantiadis Thaumaſia*, Printed at *Norimberg* 1699, under the Superintendency of *M. Sturmius*. In which the skillful Author ſeems to have laid together whatever is to be found of

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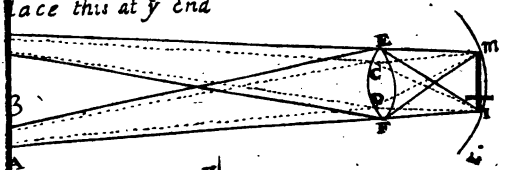

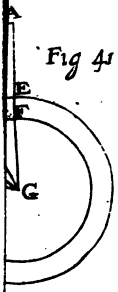

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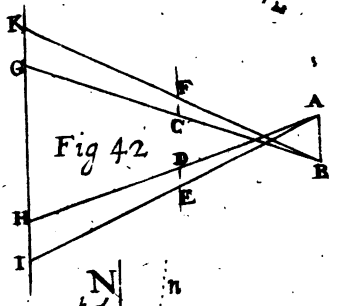

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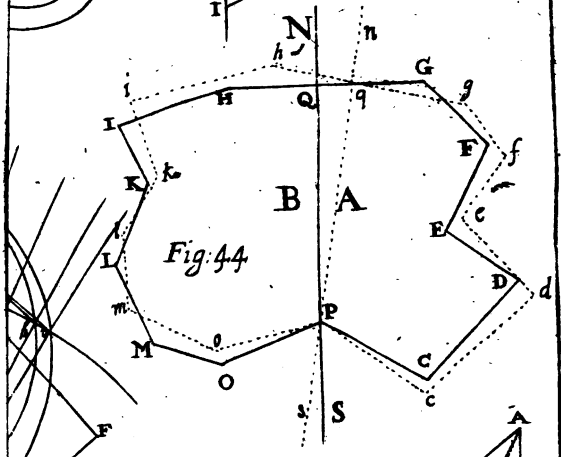

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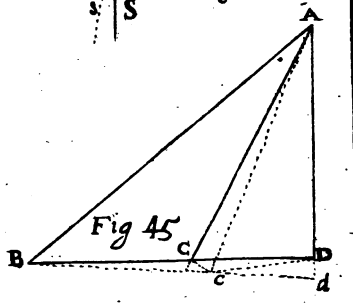

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of this Argument, as well amongſt the *Modern* as the *Ancient* Writers; ſubjoyning and illuſtrating *Cartes*'s, *Eckard*'s, *Honoratus Faber*'s, *and Mariott*'s Calculus. From whence it is plain, that the reſt added very little or nothing to *Cartes*'s Inventions, building upon the ſame Ungeometrical and Tentative Methods of Calculation. But that the Judicious Reader may be ſenſible, *what things I have performed, in the Doctrine of the Iris*, I would have him read the forementioned Book, and compare it with this Diſcourſe; leſt in putting out theſe things, I ſhould ſeem only to have made an unpleaſing Repetition of what had been done before. And of *what vaſt uſe in Aſtronomical Matters, this Lemma of ours may be*, ſhall be ſhewn upon ſome other occaſion.

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